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Libya, Iraq expect no oil price hike

VIENNA, Sept. 14 (AP) — Oil ministers Libya and Iraq said Sunday they expect OPEC will leave its official oil price at \$32 a barrel at a two-day meeting starting here today.

When asked if OPEC would raise its price, Iraq's Tayeb Abdul Karim answered, "I don't think so."

OPEC countries fixed their official or benchmark price at \$32 a barrel at their last meeting in Algiers in June. Saudi Arabia, however, OPEC's biggest producer kept its price at \$28.

Ahmed Karim said Iraq would "consider" lifting its output from 3.5 million barrels of a day to trim what he called an "artificial" plus on world markets. He said OPEC was spared to accept an Iraqi proposal to set up a special fund with industrialized countries to compensate non-oil developing countries for increases in oil prices and inflation in costs of manufactured products exported to them.

Libyan Oil Minister Abdussalam Zaghari told reporters "we will keep the benchmark" of \$32 a barrel.

Libya, traditionally an OPEC hawk, seemed willing to keep the official price at current level because of an oversupply of crude oil world markets.

Earlier Sunday The United Arab Emirates decided to cut back crude oil production for the end of the year, petroleum Minister Mane Said al-Oteiba was quoted as saying.

His statement, which did not indicate the amount of the production cut back but said the UAE had no intention of lowering its crude prices, was carried by the Abu Dhabi daily newspaper *Al Wahda*.

Oteiba said OPEC would consider reduc-

tions in oil production by each of its member countries, in conformity with their interests.

The Emirati oil minister said that at the meeting, OPEC would also consider increasing the capital of its fund from \$4 billion to 20 billion, so as to contribute more actively to Third-World development.

Oil Ministers of OPEC are to decide on long-term strategy to index the price of oil against growth and inflation in leading industrialized nations.

Consuming nations are less enthusiastic about the outlook, a major reason why the price of gold has risen some 10 per cent — or about \$50 an ounce since the beginning of the month.

While the developed world is anxious about the effect of additional price increases on attempts to overcome inflation and recession, developing countries face massive oil deficits and will be looking for some sign of greater aid from OPEC. This could take the form of price subsidies as recently agreed by Venezuela and Mexico for some of their customers, or investment of OPEC oil revenue surpluses in third-world energy resources as suggested at the World Energy Conference in Munich last week.

The Munich conference heard that third-world energy consumption is likely to triple by the end of the century, carrying its energy import bill from \$50,000 million this year to 110,000 million by 1990 unless it can boost local energy production. Developing countries are expected to have current account deficits this year of \$63,000 million.

To World Bank recently proposed establishment of a subsidiary body which could invest up to \$25,000 million over the next five years in poorer oil-importing countries.

OPEC, which distributed \$30,000 million worth of aid between 1973 and 1979, maintains it has been far more generous than the developed nations, and has given a cool reception to the World Bank proposal and a speech by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt urging OPEC to pour money into the poorest countries.

This weekend, Saudi oil minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani chaired a preparatory OPEC strategy meeting in London. His country produced one third of OPEC's output in the first half of the year, sells its oil at up to \$4 a barrel less than most other members and has increased its output from 8.5 to 9.5 million barrels a day.

Kingdom welcomes merger

JEDDAH, Sept. 14 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has given support to the Libya-Syria merger.

A Royal Court statement issued here Sunday welcomed the union between the two Arab countries and expressed the hope that such a merger would lead to wider unity.

1,342 deported

RIYADH, Sept. 14 (SPA) — More than 1,300 illegal residents were deported between June 30 and Aug. 18, the Interior Ministry announced Sunday. A ministry spokesman said 1,342 deportees, of various nationalities, violated residence permit regulations.



VISITS: King Khaled Sunday received King Hussein of Jordan at his residence in Geneva. Hussein, who arrived earlier in the day, was expected to return home the same day. The Jordanian king was received by Prince Sultan, defense and aviation minister. The audience was attended by Prince Sultan, Prince Mishal and Dr. Rashid Pharon, the King's special adviser. Picture shows King Khaled with Kuwait's Sheikh Mishal Ahmed al-Sabah who called on the King Saturday.

Fahd opens U meeting

MEDINA, Sept. 14 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Sunday opened a meeting of the Higher Council of the Medina Islamic University.

The prince, who is also chairman of the university's higher council, arrived here from Taif early Sunday. He was received at the airport by Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen and other high ranking officials.

At the meeting, Prince Fahd pledged continued support for the University and thanked Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz and the late Sheikh Muhammad ibn Ibrahim for their efforts in establishing the University. "King Khaled has instructed me to facilitate all

means for the success of the University," Prince Fahd said.

Dr. Abdulkarim Zayed, the council's vice-chairman, emphasized the university's role in spreading Islam and upheld Prince Fahd's call for holy struggle. Dr. Isaac Farhan, former rector of the University of Jordan and now a council member, also hailed Prince Fahd's call and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the University.

Later, the council held a closed session, under Prince Fahd.

The university gave a luncheon party in Prince Fahd's honor. It was attended by university and local officials.

Ghali leaves for U.S. to revive stalled talks

CAIRO, Sept. 14 (Agencies) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali Sunday left for New York with proposals on the revival of the stalled negotiations on Palestinian autonomy. Dr. Ghali said the proposals, included in an Egyptian working paper he discussed with U.S. officials in New York before they were presented to Israel.

However, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that planned Israeli-Egyptian talks in New York would not concern Palestinian autonomy but the normalization of bilateral relations.

Ghali did not give details of the proposals but foreign ministry officials said Egypt did not depart from its known position that Israel's inclusion of Arab east Jerusalem into the Jewish state and the building of settle-

Image deteriorates in Norway, Israeli MP warns government

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14 (AFP) — An Israeli Labor member of parliament drew attention Sunday to the deteriorating image of Israel in Norway and Ireland over the Israeli posture in south Lebanon. The deputy, Mikha Harish, who has just returned from a visit to Norway, told parliament that the Norwegian contingent in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon by now identifies Israel with the Israeli-supported Christian militia of dissident Maj. Saad Haddad that it has come to consider as enemies.

The U.N. force, which is assigned to peacekeeping duties, has run a series of clashes with Haddad's rightwing militia that controls southernmost Lebanon along the 1948 truce line between Lebanon and Israel.

Deputy Harish, who said that the Irish contingent in the U.N. force shared the same view over such clashes, suggested the Israeli government adopt a "more balanced" stance in south Lebanon, but added immediately that he was not suggesting ceasing to support Christians in the neighboring country.

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Turkes surrenders

ANKARA, Sept. 14 (R) — Rightist Almaslan Turkes, the only senior politician to flee before Turkey's coup on Friday, surrendered Sunday and was taken to an island in the Aegean. Turkes, strongman of the country's first coup in 1960, joined Necmettin Erbakan, former head of the Muslim fundamentalist National Salvation Party (NSP) on the island of Uzunada off Turkey's western coast.

Turkes was an army colonel at the time of the 1960 coup. His influence did not last and he and other far-right officers were pushed out to diplomatic posts abroad the same year. Turkes later returned and took over what became the Nationalist Movement Party (NMP), often described as neo-fascist because of its stated goal of reuniting all Turkish-speaking peoples of the world.

His surrender ended rumors in Ankara that he may have been planning a counter-coup with the help of military contacts.

A total of 182 suspects were arrested in six provinces of eastern Turkey within hours of Friday's military coup, according to an army communiqué published Sunday. The operation in the provinces of Elazig, Malatya, Tunceli, Bingol, Mus, and Bitlis, also led to the confiscation of 11 handguns, three shotguns, a rifle, three bombs, ammunition, and "illegal documents". It was launched during the curfew imposed immediately after the armed forces overthrew Gen. Kenan Evren seized power, according to the communiqué from the headquarters of Gen. Sahri Delic in charge of the state of emergency in the six provinces.

Another operation was carried out in Artvin province, northeast Turkey, where fugitives from justice were being harbored and used by local leaders to put pressure on their people, official sources said. The operations were conducted without incident and the situation throughout Turkey Sunday was calm, the sources said.

Newspapers reported Sunday that 95 members of parliament picked up by troops after the coup were still under detention. They included 25 members of Suleyman Demirel's Justice Party, 33 members of Bulent Ersoy's Republican People's Party (RPP), 15 from Turke's group, 19 from the Muslim fundamentalists and three independents.

Many of the detainees were from constituencies in eastern Turkey, some of them Kurds, the ethnic group in the east. With the state radio broadcasting under the guidance of an army general, little news has come from eastern Turkey since the coup.

There are at least eight million ethnic Kurds in Turkey, twice as many as in neighboring Iran, but Kurdish nationalist movements are much smaller on the Turkish side of the border. Kurds are generally well-integrated into Turkish society. Sunday's papers said the ruling six-man "national security council" had set up offices in the former state building in Ankara.

Gen. Kenan Evren and his five colleagues cancelled their first public appearance Sunday morning soon after the news of Turke's surrender became known.

They had been due to take part in a memorial service for Gen. Cemal Gursel, figurehead of the 1960 coup, near the city's Ataturk Mausoleum. Following the 1960 coup Gen.

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UPM project to probe airport site sand shifts

DHAHRAN, Sept. 14 (SPA) — Shifting sand at the site of the proposed Dhahran International Airport will be the subject of a study by the University of Petroleum and Minerals Research Institute, in cooperation with other specialists.

The study, reported Saturday, will concentrate on the effective movement of sand in the area, located between Jubail and Dhahran.

UPM Research Institute Director Dr. Abdullah Dabbagh said that the company involved in construction of the airport asked for the help from the institute's experts in drawing demographic maps for the site, the size of sand dunes and the amount of sand expected to move into the site in the future.

Dabbagh said that the participation of the institute also involves making preliminary designs for the airport's buildings. The institute's participation plan will develop gradually, the point of developing engineering and construction designs, and then operating and maintaining the airport once completed.

In other educational developments, Riyadh Education Directorate will organize a tech-education seminar in modern technical education. The seminar, to be

attended by technical education instructors in the Central Region, will include three parts.

The first will be for teachers of intermediate schools and teachers' institutes. It begins Sept. 27 and ends Sept. 30. The second part will be for secondary school teachers, and will run from Oct. 1 through Oct. 5. The third part will be for primary schools, Riyadh primary institute and the Light Institute's teachers. It starts Oct. 6 and continues until the 13th.

Meanwhile, the Public Administration Institute announced that Oct. 9 will be the last day for receiving applications of government employees for the second semester that starts in November, according to the Dammam branch director.

Ahmad Mansour said that the second semester program includes advanced and intermediate administrative courses, personnel affairs, advanced financial administration, accounting, government correspondence, store keeping, communications and typing.

The institute provides trainees with free housing, 100 per cent training allowance (equal to their monthly pay) and other incentives, according to Mansour.

Comment

By Adnan Kamel Salah

Al-Madina

Scandals and stir are desirable elements in the European and American press. Even in the absence of a scandal, some newspapers, which have gained mastery in creating stir, fabricate stories to create some controversy. Such papers, for instance, create a story about an important personality, and if this personality denies the story, the paper publishes the fabricated story together with the denial and a commentary of its own. In case that particular personality gets enraged and resorts to legal proceedings, the paper then publishes the prosecution story and its fabrication simultaneously. To the end, the verdict is issued against the paper but by that time it has already ensured wide circulation and spoiled the reputation of that personality which was most probably quite innocent.

One such exciting story in the British press these days is connected with Dr. Arant and his wife, who was employed as a surgeon in a Jeddah hospital. A few months ago, a young woman and a man fell from the balcony of Dr. Arant's flat and died. The woman's father claimed his daughter did not die as a result of the fall but was murdered. When her body reached Britain a post mortem examination was carried out, which proved that she was not murdered. But, perhaps out of parental affection, the father was not con-

vinced, nor were the stir-creating papers.

Meanwhile, a pamphlet of limited circulation, called "Private Eye," claimed that the man and the woman had not died natural deaths. Nobody gave much credence to the story owing to the magazine's reputation for publishing inaccurate stories. But it continued on the subject, and even went so far as to say that the British embassy in Jeddah had laid a cover over the alleged murder and the British Foreign Office had supported its embassy in hiding the fact.

The British Foreign Office issued a statement severely criticizing the false stories. As soon as the statement came out, morning and evening newspapers as well as the British radio and television news bulletins picked it up and transformed it into an exciting topic.

What actually stirred the imagination of the British journalist is the fact that the incident had occurred in a distant land of desert, oil and tales of the Arabian Nights! Many British journalists generally rule out the possibility that there could be any civilization and development in the Arab world. Consequently, they considered it necessary to plot a conspiracy with the participation of the Englishman who was here from the time of the British Empire. The matter had to be made exciting and provocative, otherwise two Europeans would not have died in an ordinary incident in an Arab country.

Phone calls abroad steadily rising

RIYADH, Sept. 14 — The number of international calls topped one million in a month for the first time, according to a report from Saudi Telephone.

Registered on the Saudi Telephone computer network were 1,015,500 international calls for Jumad Al Awal, or April. Subscribers then placed an average of 33,800 international calls per day, said John Simpson of the company.

He cited this figure and the increase as an indication of how Saudi Arabians have entered the world telecommunications network. Most often called by the customers were the United States, Britain and Arab

states, he said.

Also growing was the proportion of international calls made through the International Subscriber Dialing system, or ISD. In Jumad Al Awal, 59 per cent of all international calls were routed by ISD, with the total 600,000 in the month, an average of nearly 20,000 calls daily.

Half of the 24,000 ISD customers live in Riyadh. The ISD service is installed by Saudi Telephone without charge. In four months, the number of subscribers to ISD grew 78 per cent, company figures show.

Throughout the year, the number of international calls also has grown.

Saud, Kreisky to meet in Austria

BAHRAIN, Sept. 14 (R) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal will pay an official visit to Austria next week for talks with the Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

The discussions will cover the Middle East.

Youth group returns

RIYADH, Sept. 14 (SPA) — The delegation of Saudi Arabian youth that visited the Republic of China returned here Saturday night after a month long visit as part of the youth cooperation program between the two countries.

The delegation was received at Riyadh Airport by Osman Al-Saad, vice-president of youth welfare, and other officials. The delegation's program in Taiwan included displays of Saudi Arabian folklore and visits to Chinese historical places.

issues and developments in the region.

The visit, which will last several days, will follow the conference of the ministers of

petroleum, foreign affairs and finance of the

13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) which opens in

Vienna on Monday.

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With Chinese personnel

General hospital opens here

hospital with most of the medical staff coming from national Taiwan University hospital.

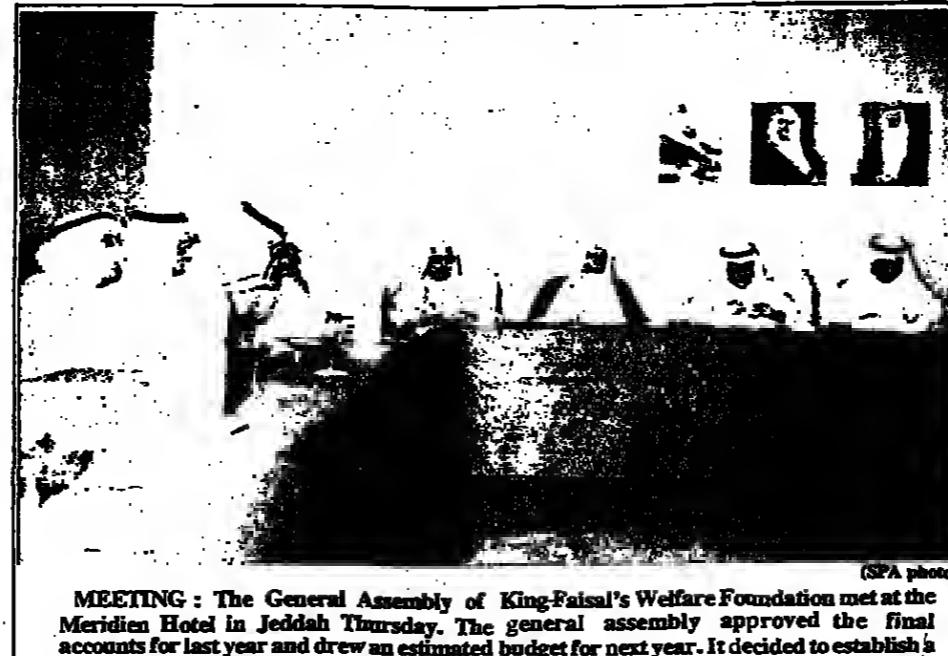
Dr. Hsieh Yen-yao, deputy chief of the Chinese medical mission here, said the first batch of seven patients were admitted in the hospital Saturday, and more will be gradually transferred to the hospital from other hospitals.

He said the opening of the hospital will help improve medical care for this year's pilgrims. Medical care had always been a problem during the pilgrimage season, and the Kingdom has tried very hard to provide pilgrims with a better medical care.

On its second day, Sunday, the hospital already began operating on patients. Four out of the seven patients needed operations, and the Chinese staff worked late into Saturday night to get operating theaters ready for use.

Dr. Yu Hsien-Chang, director of the surgery department, alone performed successful three operations Sunday.

There are nine surgeons in the department from Niu hospital, and Yu is confident that they can offer the best services to the patients.



MEETING : The General Assembly of King-Faisal's Welfare Foundation met at the Meridian Hotel in Jeddah Thursday. The general assembly approved the final accounts for last year and drew an estimated budget for next year. It decided to establish a fund for scholarships for Muslims in sciences, technology, economy and administration. Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, chairman of the secretariat board (second from right), presided over the meeting. To his right is Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, and to his left, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Harakan, secretary general of the World Muslim League, among other members of the general assembly. (SPA photo)

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Foreign troops urged to leave Afghanistan

CCA, Sept. 14 (R) — Bangladesh and Kuwait have called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Afghanistan.

A joint communiqué issued Saturday a three-day visit to Bangladesh by the ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the two countries expressed concern about the situation in Afghanistan and about growing instances of foreign intervention in the internal affairs of other countries.

Sheikh Jaber and Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman stressed the need for Islamic

solidarity in the Middle East crisis and called for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories.

They also called for the restoration of the national rights of the Palestinian people.

The communiqué said that security and stability in the Gulf region should be the responsibility of the Gulf states and called for a peace zone in the Indian Ocean.

Bangladesh and Kuwait had agreed to cooperate in oil and gas exploration and would consider the possibility of joint ventures in other fields, the communiqué added.

Algeria criticizes Moroccan and toward OAU decision

GIERS, Sept. 14 (AFP) — Morocco's decision of OAU recommendations for the Saharan issue after it took evidence from the parties concerned, Algeria's News Agency APS commented here Saturday.

It was the first semi-official reaction by the government to recommendations by an ad hoc committee of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) that there be a U.N.-monitored ceasefire in the ex-Spanish territories between Moroccan troops and the pro-independence Polisario Liberation Front, a referendum on self-determination to be organized by the OAU and the United Nations.

Morocco has dismissed the referendum, noting that people in the desert territory

Ethiopia briefs Sudan on U.S., Somalia accord

HARTOUM, Sept. 14 (AFP) — Ethiopia's Interior Minister Gen. Taye Tilahun has been here to brief Sudanese President Gaafar Numeiri on Ethiopia's opposition to military base facilities agreement between Somalia and the United States. Six Ethiopian delegations are touring the capitals on the same mission.

Other matters are also expected to be discussed during the general's three-day stay. He arrived on Saturday to positive results from a last May by Ethiopian head of state Haile Mariam Badou increased cooperation, the Sudan News agency reported. It is the minister was referring in particular to return home of large numbers of Ethiopian refugees.

The future of relations between the two countries will witness tangible improvement in all fields after the signing of economic agreements," Gen. Tilahun said.

President Numeiri has an official invitation to visit Ethiopia, but no date has yet been set. The two neighbors have moved to strengthen relations strained in the past by Sudanese support for secessionists in Ethiopia's frontier province of Eritrea.

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ISLAMABAD, (AP) — American diplomats in Afghanistan said that Afghanistan has demanded the return to American television reporter Dan Rather for trial on charges of participating in the "torture and fatal shooting" of three Afghans last March. Rather, a CBS correspondent, said Saturday in New York, "I deny these lies absolutely, completely and without exception." CBS news said in a statement the allegations were "totally preposterous and absolutely untrue."

KARACHI, (AP) — Pakistan introduced a new submarine into its naval force Saturday to replace the navy's only fleet submarine which was sunk during the nation's 1971 war with India, the navy announced Sunday. The navy said the Agosta class submarine, named "Hurmat," was purchased from France.

FBI accused of mobilizing drive against Arab Americans

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 — The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has begun a new campaign of "surveillance and harassment" directed against Arab Americans and other supporters of Palestinian rights, according to a major Arab-American organization. In an "action alert" to its members, the Association of Arab-American University Graduates (AAUG) said it had received reports from cities across the United States suggesting an FBI campaign against American Arabs "similar to that launched under the Nixon administration in 1972."

The aim of the campaign, the AAUG said, was to weaken the pro-Palestinian movement in the U.S. and to block cooperative efforts "between pro-Palestinian political activists and other segments of American society."

The FBI was gathering "non-criminal, general intelligence" on the current state of pro-Palestinian activity in the country, the group said. The U.S. agency was also seeking to create "an atmosphere of fear, suspicion and isolation" to weaken the movement in support of Palestinian rights, the AAUG believed.

The group cited a number of recent incidents to support its case: — In San Francisco, a businessman was visited four times by FBI agents, who each time "lectured" him saying that the FBI had information that pro-Palestinian Arabs were in contact with Black American groups for the purpose of staging violent activity." The agents warned the businessman against such contact.

— In Detroit, an FBI agent sought an interview with an individual to discuss an organization that belonged to the PLO because the FBI "had information that the organization advocated destruction of American property." — FBI agents have questioned Americans who signed a Palestine Human Rights Campaign (PHRC) newspaper advertisement that appeared in Colorado.

The American relatives of a pro-Palestinian activist were visited by FBI agents who charged that their son-in-law was a "terrorist leader."

"All of this appears to be a renewed campaign by the American government in the post-Camp David period to strike at independent, organized efforts on behalf of the Palestinian movement in this country," AAUG said.

Broken meters

Problems of taxicab fares in Cairo

CAIRO, Sept. 14 (AP) — An Egyptian musician and an English businessman happened to hail the same taxicab outside a Cairo hotel recently. They rode alongside the Nile river to the downtown business district, where the Egyptian paid the equivalent of 30 cents for the 3.2 km ride.

The Englishman paid more than four times as much.

Cairo cab drivers charge what the market will bear. Passengers are told that the meter is broken, and Westerners quickly learn how expensive the break is.

A lucky rider occasionally finds a cab with a working meter. A persistent rider sometimes can convince the driver to at least test the meter.

The busted-meter ruse is so widespread the government has opened a special telephone to accept complaints from cab customers. Reaching the number through Cairo's patched-up and overburdened telephone system, though, is a chancy proposition.

"Complaints received in recent weeks through police stations range from refusals by drivers to take emergency cases to the hospital, to the dumping of a pregnant woman several blocks from her destination as she was about to give birth," the English-language Egyptian Gazette reported.

The government lacks accurate figures on the number of cabs on Cairo's streets, but it is obvious more are needed: Sharing cabs is the rule, and streetcorners sometimes overflow with pedestrians waving, almost begging, for cabs to stop.

Cabbies, in turn, have become choosy.

They don't stop, they slow down just enough to listen for pleading pedestrians to shout their destinations. If it suits the driver, he stops.

Riders who look wealthy or dumb enough

to pay the higher fare have the best chance. Natives who know the rates quickly hop in. Foreigners, and many better-off Egyptians, are stopped short by the driver's demand for "one pound," which is about \$8.30.

Friendship and cooperation treaties with a number of other states has also given Soviet forces stopping off points all round the Indian Ocean.

U.S. to fill vacuum created by British in Indian Ocean

PARIS, Sept. 14 (AFP) — The strategic vacuum created in the Indian Ocean by the 1967 withdrawal of British troops from Aden and the 1974 revolution in pro-Western Ethiopia could be partially filled with last week's agreement by Somalia to open the Soviet-built base at Berbera to U.S. forces. The air and sea base, once the largest Soviet base in the region and reputedly the headquarters of the Soviet Middle East Command, stands opposite Aden, now a staunch Soviet ally.

Today, just across the Gulf of Aden from Berbera, some 8,000 Soviet military advisers, 3,000 East Germans and 1,800 Cubans work within the framework of a friendship and cooperation treaty linking South Yemen to the Soviet Bloc. The Soviet Union has maintained a presence in this region — through which three-quarters of the West's oil supplies pass — for about 12 years. It first gained a toehold there around 1968, when newly-independent South Yemen appealed to the Socialist Bloc for aid.

Somalia, faced with the prospect of war with Ethiopia over that country's disputed Ogaden province, then granted the Soviet Union use of Berbera in exchange for arms.

Then relations between Somalia and the Soviet Union cooled. A Soviet decision to provide military aid and advise to the new regime in Ethiopia led to the expulsion of Soviet forces from Berbera. Faced with the loss of this all-important base, the Soviet Union took its warships to the South Yemeni island of Socotra, at the entrance of the Gulf of Aden. The Soviet navy in the area is still based there today.

Friendship and cooperation treaties with a number of other states has also given Soviet forces stopping off points all round the Indian Ocean.

These footholds include Assab or Massawa in Ethiopia, Bombay, Madras, Cochin and Vishakapatnam in India, The Diego-Suarez tip of Madagascar, along the Mozambique canal at Nacala, Beira and Maputo, in the Seychelles Archipelago or on Mauritius.

Since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan last December, the two super-power fleets have been continually defying each other in the Indian Ocean.

The U.S. contingent consists of two giant aircraft carriers with between 200 and 300 planes on board. Some 50 of these planes have nuclear capabilities. The carriers are supported by submarines, combat vessels and seven supply vessels.

A taskforce of 1,800 marines to be embarked on four amphibious battle craft attached to the naval force form the spearhead of the rapid intervention force that the United States could send into this zone with any crisis.

The Soviet force facing it consists of about 30 vessels, including one aircraft carrier, 10 combat vessels, 14 support vessels and a band of submarines.

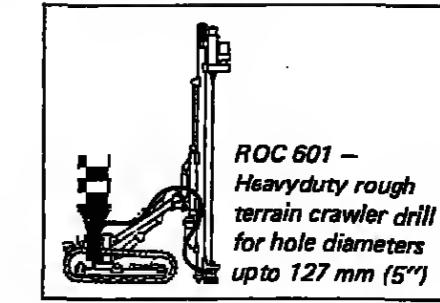
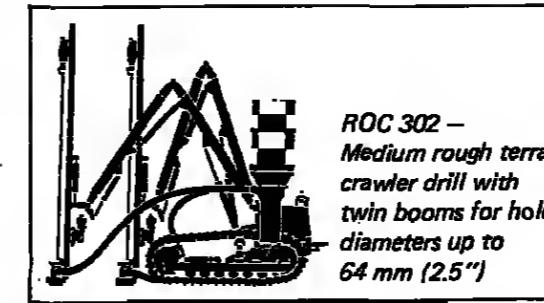
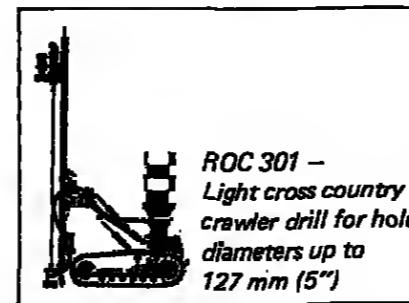
In the past, what the Americans lacked most in the area was a series of staging points like those used by the Soviet Union. Their base on the British-administered island of Diego Garcia was after all some 3,700 kms from the Gulf.

The agreement between Somalia and the United States, initiated in Washington last Thursday, is part of a series of moves designed to redress that imbalance.

On June, an agreement with Oman gave the United States use of the island of Massirah and the ports of Muscat, Matrah and Salalah and the Aerodromes at Sib and Thamrit. The United States has a similar agreement with Kenya over the port of Mombassa.

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Old conflicts face new U.N. session

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 14 (R) — The U.N. General Assembly begins its annual three-month session on Tuesday with East-West detente at its lowest ebb in years, the North-South economic dialogue at a virtual impasse, and the arms race reaching new intensity.

The world body's 35th regular assembly will open under the additional shadow of the first assassination in New York of a U.N. diplomat — a Cuban attaché shot dead last Thursday, apparently by a member of an underground anti-Castro group.

During the early part of the session, the seating of most delegates will be fixed on the closing stages of the U.S. election campaign for signs of possible changes in American *can policy* during the next four years.

One of the assembly's first acts will be to admit the new Caribbean nation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as its 154th member. Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, joined last month at the start of a special session on economic issues.

The Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, debated at a U.N. emergency session last January, has been proposed for inclusion on this session's agenda by more

than 30 third world states.

The crisis in U.S.-Soviet relations resulting from the intervention, already reflected in a ban on some American exports and a boycott of the Moscow summer Olympics, is bound to figure largely in the assembly's discussions.

The presence here early in the session of both U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will provide an opportunity for what have become increasingly rare high-level contacts between the two super-powers since the Soviet intervention last December.

Suspension by the U.S. of moves to ratify the SALT II (strategic arms limitation) treaty, both because of Afghanistan and over fears of a Soviet military build-up, are expected to cast a pall over the assembly's disarmament debate.

The holding of the U.S. Embassy staff by militant students in Iran is bound to be raised despite its absence from the formal agenda and the failure of previous attempts to gain the release of the hostages by the Security Council Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, and a five-man U.N. commission which visited Tehran and the World Court.

The five Nordic countries — Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden — have proposed an agenda item calling for effective measures to "enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives." To win maximum support, the item does not specifically refer to Iran or to the American hostages, who will mark the anniversary of their captivity on Nov. 4.

The Arab-Israeli dispute, which for most of the year has pre-occupied both the Security Council and a special assembly, is likely to dominate the session during the latter part of November and December.

Waldheim is due to issue reports by theo on the implementation of previously adopted resolutions dealing with the territories occupied by Israel since the 1967 war.

At least one Arab ambassador has publicly raised the possibility of a bid to expel or suspend Israel from the assembly. But there has been no confirmation that such a move is definitely planned.

The five member states of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) — Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — will be closely concerned with the subject of Kampuchea. The issue was first placed on the agenda last year at their request, following the installation of the Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh with the support of the Vietnamese army.

This year, Vietnam and other Soviet allies have tabled a counter-proposal concerning "peace, stability and co-operation in South East Asia."

Lisbon to seek talks on Timor

LISBON, Sept. 14 (AP) — Nearly five years after Indonesian troops overran and occupied Portuguese-ruled East Timor, Lisbon has announced it will seek direct talks with Jakarta officials for independence of the half-island territory.

The Portuguese government remains faithful to its obligations and responsibilities toward Timor and formally reaffirms the Timorese people's right to self-determination," said a statement issued by the cabinet late Friday.

The statement added that Portugal, which legally had jurisdiction over the territory, who Indonesian troops launched a sea and air invasion in December 1975, would propose direct negotiations with the Jakarta government.

Lisbon's one proviso for the talks, it said, would be that Portugal would not be involved in recognition of Indonesia's de facto rule in East Timor.

Portugal broke off diplomatic relations with Indonesia after the invasion and made repeated calls for withdrawal through private channels and at the United Nations. Portuguese interests have been handled by the Dutch Embassy in Jakarta since the break.

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'Gang' to be tried soon, Deng says

PARIS, Sept. 14 (AFP) — Chiang Ching, wife of the late Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-Tung, and the rest of the "Gang of Four" will be tried late this year, strongman Deng Xiaoping said in an interview published in the French weekly magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur*.

Deng also said that Chinese Communist Party will judge, "on an objective level, the merits and errors that characterized the life of Chairman Mao," at the next party congress.

The Chinese Party vice president, interviewed by the Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci during August, said that Mao never intervened to prevent Chiang Ching from "upstaging his name," even though the couple had been separated "for years."

Deng also said that "at the end of his life, he had unhealthy ideas and faulty reasoning," particularly his responsibility for the "crimes" of the Gang of Four.

Chiang Ching and the three other members of her "gang," Gao Gang, Wang Wen, Chang

Chun-Chiao, and Yao Weo-Yuan — were accused of trying to take over state power during the late 1970s.

Emphasizing that Mao's good work outweighed the bad, Deng said however that "Chairman Mao contradicted the just principles that he himself formulated. He was raised and adored too much."

"We will not do to Mao Tse-Tung what (the late Soviet leader Nikita) Khrushchev did to Stalin during the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union," Deng said.

He stressed that Mao had "merits of a primordial importance such as being one of the principal founders of the Chinese Communist Party and of the People's Republic of China."

"He save the party and the revolution during the most critical moments," Deng said.

But he said that there was a real "civil war" in China during the Cultural Revolution during the 1960s.

Second this week

Jet forced to Havana

ATLANTA, Georgia, Sept. 14 (AP) — A Delta Air Lines jetliner hijacked to Cuba by two Spanish-speaking men as it headed from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Atlanta, Georgia, landed here early Sunday after a five-hour odyssey, officials said. It was the second successful hijacking in the past week and the ninth since Aug. 10.

The plane, a Boeing 727-200 with 81 passengers and a crew of seven, landed safely at 4:13 a.m. Delta flight 334 was hijacked about 11:10 p.m. Saturday and arrived in Havana shortly after midnight, said Jack Barker, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta.

The two hijackers were taken into custody by Cuban authorities, he said. The passengers spent 2½ hours in Havana's airport terminal while the plane was refused for the return trip.

Each hijacker had held a small plastic container with a liquid inside, according to several passengers. It looked like a small "bottle of dishwashing liquid," one passenger said.

The pilot, Capt. David Brown, a 30-year veteran, said the flight was diverted after the crew received "word of a hijacking in the tourist cabin of the aircraft."

"About 20 minutes into the flight," the pilot came on the intercom and said we were going to Cuba," said Dan Wesner of

Indianapolis. The hijackers stayed in the rear of the plane, and there was no communication aboard.

"They got kind of nervous if you stood up, I think all of us were scared," said Stephanie Wagstaff.

Japanese score high in U.S. poll

TOKYO, Sept. 14 (AFP) — Two-thirds of Americans welcome Japan's emergence as one of the world's largest economic nations, as a benefit to the U.S., according to a Gallup poll taken at Japanese Foreign Ministry request.

Only 37 per cent of those polled, in May, actually rated Japan as the most important country for Asia-Pacific development and stability, against 71 per cent who opted for Communist China primarily because of its development potential, size and population.

But according to the survey, which covered 1,339 Americans selected from the directory, *Who's Who in America*, 76 per cent judged Japan "easier to cooperate with for peace and stability of Asia" because of similar goals and the greater friendliness of the Japanese people.



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Did hypnotist murder mother?

LOS ANGELES Sept. 14 (AP) — The case reads like some preposterous murder thriller: prominent doctor slays elderly woman after she adopts him and makes him sole heir to a \$3 million fortune.

Dr. Raymond Louis La Scola — a 65-year-old clinical hypnotist often sought for his expert trial testimony — was denied bail Friday in Santa Monica Municipal Court on a charge he killed his 88-year-old adoptive mother, Georgia Mahoney Thera, with a fatal dose of insulin on July 18, 1979.

Her death came just 4½ months after she and her husband, a wealthy Buddhist monk, bequeathed La Scola their entire estate, including a home in posh Palm Springs, a large collection of jewelry and a gold-plated statue of Buddha.

La Scola faces a possible death penalty if he is convicted of murder. He is also charged with dissuading a witness, attempting to influence a witness and conspiracy to forge prescriptions and illegally sell drugs.

Public accepting terror, expert says

SANTA MONICA, California Sept. 14 (AP) — International terrorism is likely to increase in the 1980's as governments turn to terrorism to carry out their political aims, an expert says.

"Terrorism is becoming institutionalized, and the public is accepting it," Brian Jenkins, director of the Rand Corporation's research program in security and subnational conflict, said at a Rand-sponsored week-long International Conference on Terrorism and Low-Level Conflict here. Some 140 government and military officials, scholars and researchers from 13 nations attended.

"We have individual (terrorist) groups and individuals acting on behalf of military governments. Nations openly avow they will assassinate (their enemies) abroad. That's a change," Jenkins said. "That is one of the trends that caused some concern at this conference."

Jenkins spoke at a news briefing with Anthony C.E. Quainton, a U.S. State Department official, and George Weisz, director of the U.S. Department of Energy's office of safeguards and security and the DOE's emergency co-ordinator.

Quainton said so-called "big event" terrorist acts aimed at such occurrences as the Olympic games were discussed during the conference as were the sabotage of oil supertankers, intentional oil spills, hijacking of liquid natural gas transports and other conceivable terrorist acts against energy supplies.

He said terrorist acts involving nuclear facilities were omitted from the conference agenda "because they are peculiar facilities with very peculiar safeguards." Professor Paul Wilkinson of the University of Aberdeen in Great Britain said new ways to safeguard foreign diplomatic missions must be developed.

The case is further complicated by the involvement of Mary Steele Kaye, a former disciple of the monk who became his second wife, and the testimony of William Schenley — portrayed in defense papers as "a known forger, ex-convict and heroin addict" — who alleges La Scola "used drug addiction to control people."

La Scola, free without bail since Aug. 25, is a member of the board of governors of the American Society of Clinical Hypnotists. His expertise has taken him to a number of trials around the country.

He began his career as a Beverly Hills pediatrician who treated the children of celebrities. He switched to clinical hypnosis in the 1940's.

La Scola met Mrs. Thera and Aranya Dham Thera, an India-born Buddhist monk and founder of the American Institute of Buddhist Studies, in 1975 when he bought an \$80,000 house from them.

He became a close friend, after using hypnosis to treat Mrs. Thera for high blood pressure. Court documents show La Scola suggested the elderly couple adopt him, so he could look after them better.

The Theras adopted La Scola on Feb. 14, 1979. A couple weeks later, Mrs. Thera made a new will. Five months after that, she was dead. Her death certificate, signed by La Scola, said she died of congestive heart failure. She was cremated a day later. Nothing seemed amiss.

Nothing, that is, until Mrs. Kaye, 58, took action to stop La Scola's inheritance. That required lawyers and private detectives. What they found brought in the Los Angeles County district attorney.

When Mrs. Kaye lost track of Thera in mid-1979, she hired a private detective to find her. When she saw the 79-year-old Thera in a rest home in May, she was shocked.

"I couldn't believe what I saw," she said. "He was wearing two pairs of pants, two short-sleeved shirts and a ragged sweater. He looked demented."

His wife's will had stipulated that La Scola care for the monk "for the rest of his life in the same manner and conditions as his present living standards."

Mrs. Kaye — identified in court papers as a disciple of Thera since 1963 who had developed "an intimate social relationship" with him — took him out of the rest home and married him five days later.

When La Scola learned of the marriage, he obtained a court order granting him custody of his adoptive father. Police stopped the new Mrs. Thera as she tried to flee with Thera hidden on the rear floor of her car. Local authorities took temporary custody of Thera.

In a custody hearing, the second Mrs. Thera alleged La Scola used hypnosis and drugs to get control of the couple and their riches, while La Scola said she coerced the monk into marriage for personal gain. She demanded the doctor's adoption be voided. He demanded an annulment of the marriage. A ruling on the marriage is due this week. The custody issue has not been resolved.



Dr. Raymond La Scola

It was testimony produced in the custody proceedings that led to the murder charges. Mrs. Thera's lawyers brought forward 31-year-old Schenley, a former prisoner.

Schenley said he met La Scola in 1977, when he was under arrest for heroin possession. Schenley said that after three years in prison, he went back to see La Scola and lived at the doctor's home. He said La Scola wrote him drug prescriptions.

"La Scola used drug addiction to control people," Schenley said.

In sworn court affidavits, Schenley said La Scola used hypnosis to persuade the Theras to adopt him. He said the doctor addicted Mrs. Thera to diazepam, a synthetic narcotic, then put her through a painful withdrawal to force her to sign the will.

Schenley testified that La Scola has confided to him last May that he had killed Mrs. Thera by injecting her with insulin. Mrs. Thera's lawyers paid Schenley \$2,000 for his story, then took him to the Los Angeles district attorney's office.

La Scola's attorney, Albert Garber, attacked Schenley bitterly as a "highly paid witness for hire."

Rhetoric-weary Chinese head for hills

PEKING, Sept. 14 (WP) — When Communist Party superiors in Hubei province heard that a few young construction workers recently had taken a vacation trip to Li Mountain, they sternly denounced it as a gross violation of "the principle of frugality."

Their comment caused an immediate uproar, for after years of hard work and Maoist politics, more and more Communist Chinese feel they are entitled to a rest, and that people should be encouraged, not criticized," a group of veteran workers complained to the official *China Youth News*.

The young workers had paid for the trip themselves through overtime or weekends and lunch hours and after all, as anyone visiting China's leading tourist attractions realizes these days, this is a nation full of frustrated sightseers now on the rampage.

Peking has not released any figures on vacation travel by Chinese themselves, preferring just to cite the record 2.2 million of foreigners and overseas Chinese who visited the country in the first six months of this year. At several popular tourist attractions this summer, however, the Chinese clearly outnumbered the visitors, and as more Chinese begin to explore a number of resourceful ways to combine work and pleasure, their numbers are expected to increase.

At Beidaihe, a resort on the shore of the Bohai Gulf northeast of Peking, the beaches recently were full of high school students from Tianjin, coal miners from Anhui and school teachers from Shanghai, all paying group rates to stay at hotels, or in some cases camping in tents.

Evan Davis, 65, an American tourist from Claremont, Virginia, grew up in a missionary family in China and remembers when Beidaihe was a foreign retreat, off-limits even to wealthy Chinese. Recently he and his wife, Harriet, enjoyed ice cream at an old German restaurant, Kiesslings, still operating under Chinese management.

One young Chinese interpreter has worked out a work-and-play vacation. He spends some time taking foreign tourists to see such sights as the summer mansion of the late Defense Minister Lin Biao, now a popular villain in China's lore. In return, he gets a month free board and beach privilege away from his job with the Canadian Embassy in Peking.

Some Chinese are even more resourceful. Chen Wei, a cement factory manager in Yunnan, obtained letters of introduction to cement factories in three other provinces,

Proletariat at play

then proceeded over two months to visit every scenic Chinese city imaginable — Shaoxing, Guilin, Canton, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi, Nanjing, Xuhou, Jinan, Peking and a few others. He ignored a midtour telegram to come home.

Chen's adventure eventually cost him his job but many Chinese have found safe ways to mix business and pleasure. In scenic Hangzhou, where President Nixon toured the famous West Lake in 1972, about 50 people in colorful costumes swarmed through Tiger Spring, a favorite stop. They were delegates to the National Minorities Participatory Conference, which had just closed in Peking. All were taking a long way home via Haogang and Shaoxing, the birthplace of the late Chairman Mao Tse-Tung.

Zhang Zinshan, 34, works for a coal machinery factory in Heilongjiang, in northeast China. What was he doing recently at the Sun Yat-Sen Memorial on lovely Purple Mountain outside Nanjing? "We're here to buy some equipment. I thought we might as well see this while I was here," he said.

Some Chinese workers, at least in large cities such as Shanghai, have joined tours organized by the China Travel Service, which until recently catered only to foreign guests.

Bai Zhouhu, 58, a Shanghai factory worker, joined a three-day tour of Haogang with his wife. The cost was \$47, about a month's wages but still well within the range of most Chinese family savings. The Chinese

American defies pain, saves hand

SINGAPORE, Sept. 14 (AP) — An American physician's assistant whose left hand was severed but for a small strip of skin and whose thigh was crushed refused pain killers in order to remain conscious and direct a ship's crew how to care for him.

John Thomas Potts, 40, was in a hospital here Sunday recovering from a nine-hour operation during which three surgeons sewed back his hand and reset his broken leg.

"It is a miracle. I'm amazed they were able to reattach it as it was so long without blood," he said. "I believe that with God's and the surgeon's help a miracle was performed."

The story of how disaster struck in the Macassar Strait was told in the *Sunday Times* here.

Potts and nine others were being winched aboard an oceanographic vessel when a cable snapped and their boat flipped over. Potts felt

Travel Agency has even begun to advertise: its recent listing for a tour of Beidaihe brought hearty response.

Residents of Shanghai, the most cosmopolitan of Chinese cities, appear to be the ones most likely to assume the role of the "ugly American" in a new era of Chinese tourism.

A Hangzhou official wrote a Shanghai newspaper, the *Liberation Daily* to complain that on a tour of West Lake, "I saw some young men and women speaking the Shanghai dialect and wearing bizarre dress. Their conduct was so mean and disgusting, as to spoil other people's fun."

At the Sun Yat-Sen Memorial, a large signboard at a prominent gateway has so many lines of finely wrought characters that a foreign tourist would assume it is a scholarly explanation of the history of the place. What it says actually is: "Be quiet, keep your clothes clean and tidy. No smoking. Don't bring any weapons, guns, pistols or sticks. Don't pick the flowers, or climb trees. No spitting or littering."

Spills notwithstanding, the Peking leadership gave its blessing to the summer holiday vacation craze in July in a very special way. The official magazine *New Sports* carried a picture of China's most important leader, Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping, 76, swimming off the beach at Qingdao, one of Shandong province's best resorts.

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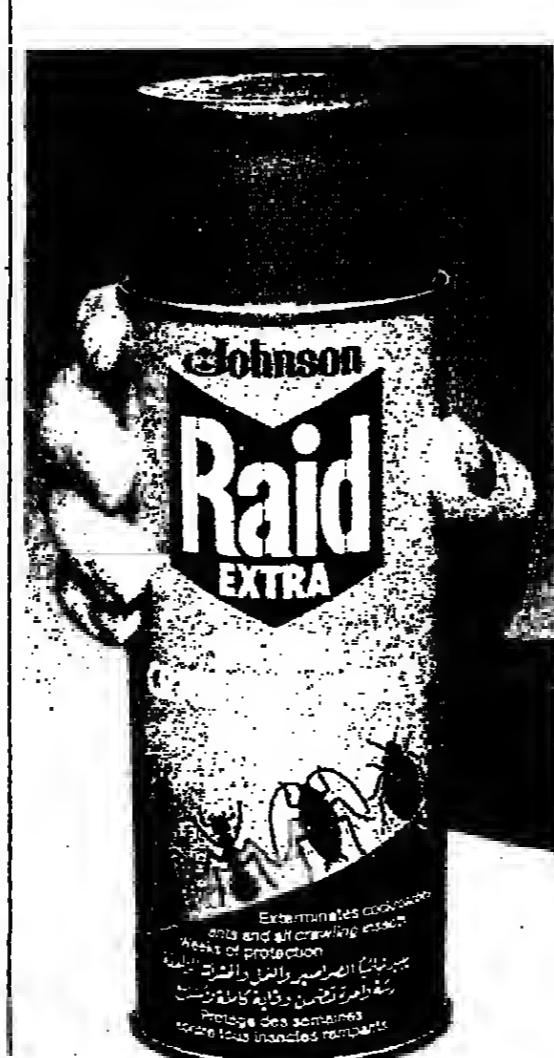
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The conspiracy that nearly led to nuclear war — (II)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the second extract from his further investigations into the plot surrounding the Kennedy assassination, Anthony Summers, author of "Conspiracy," examines the doubts surrounding a former CIA officer's testimony.)

By Anthony Summers

In his approach to the American media about my book, David Phillips enclosed a two-page document A Statement. In it Phillips, a former propaganda expert at the CIA, attempts to smear the congressional investigator who had bailed the Bishop case from the start, noting that, in a magazine article in 1971, the investigator described himself as a paranoid on the subject of the Kennedy assassination.

The investigator was a reporter in Philadelphia before working for the Senate Intelligence Committee. He did, in 1971, write a piece for Philadelphia Magazine, entitled My Paranoia and Me. It was — as the title indicates — a tongue-in-cheek noting the factors which a decade ago began to persuade serious observer that the full truth had not been told about the Kennedy assassination.

The reporter is the widely respected holder of national and regional press awards, including a Philadelphia Bar Association Award for investigative journalism. Senior staff and lawyers on the Congress Assassinations Committee have described him to me as an outstanding investigator.

Phillips has also attempted to cast doubt on the key witness in the Bishop affair, Antonio Veciana.

He lays emphasis on the fact that Veciana first came up with his Bishop story two weeks after being released from prison, where he had served 27 months following conviction on narcotics conspiracy charges. The inference, Phillips has suggested, is that Veciana somehow imagined his Bishop revelations would help with the narcotics charges. In any case, the very existence of the narcotics conviction counts against Veciana.

But why would Veciana try to curry federal favor after his release from jail? Veciana, moreover, has consistently claimed that he was framed in the narcotics case. The testimony which convicted Veciana came from a former business partner who had been linked with smuggling in the past.

When questioned about the narcotics case by the congressional investigator, Veciana appeared confused and frightened, and said he believed his predicament was in some way related to his previous association with Bishop. Privately, he told one of his closest associates, a former Cuban government minister, that he thought the CIA framed him "because he wanted to go ahead with another plot to kill Castro."

Assassinations Committee staff now believe there was a plot to kill Castro in Chile in 1971, and that Veciana was involved in it. A former CIA officer has, in the last month, stated that one agency "dirty trick" in which he engaged was to smear Cuban agents with allegations about narcotics. The officer concerned once worked in liaison with David Phillips.

Veciana claims that on July 26, 1973, the very day he was released on bail pending trial on the narcotics charge, he received a telephone call from Bishop, to arrange an urgent meeting at the Flager

dog track in Miami. When Veciana arrived, Bishop, in the company of two younger men, was waiting. He handed Veciana a suitcase containing \$253,000 in cash, which Veciana believed was intended as a lump sum payment for his years of service, and perhaps to ensure his continuing silence.

The Assassinations Committee investigator is satisfied that Veciana did indeed receive a large sum of money at the relevant date, and my own questioning of Veciana's wife corroborates the story. She recalls finding the money in a bathroom cupboard.

David Phillips, in his attempt to discredit Veciana's claims, has said that — as chief of the CIA's Latin American operations in 1973 — he knows that no such payment was made to Veciana by the CIA. He insists that such a payment could only have been made with his approval or that of the director of the CIA. It is a fact, however, that CIA operatives in Latin America — including Phillips as a key executive — disposed of \$13 million on covert action operations between 1963 and 1974, and Congressional Committees have yet to be told how half that sum was spent.

Phillips' whereabouts at key times is of course central to any study of the possibility that he was Veciana's case officer. Phillips says he was not in Miami at the time of the alleged payoff by Bishop, and that he will be able to produce documentation showing that he was at CIA headquarters in Washington during at least part of that day.

Not least because of the secrecy of his work, however, it has so far been difficult for Phillips to prove his denials about contacts with Veciana. He is, moreover, dogged by the remarkable parallels between the geography of his CIA career and the course of Bishop as charted in Veciana's original allegations.

Veciana says he was first recruited by Bishop in mid-1960, when he was still in Havana. He says Bishop initially introduced himself as a representative of a construction firm with headquarters in Belgium. He also used a false Belgian passport. Phillips, in a biography not yet published when Veciana first made his allegations, admits that he spent the five years up to 1960 in Havana, most of that time working under "deep cover" for the CIA. In 1959, following the Castro revolution, he was using his own public relations firm, David A. Phillips Associates, as a front for his CIA operations. One overt function of the company was to represent foreign industrialists.

The Anglo-American Directory of Cuba for 1960 carries an entry for Phillips as a "public relations counselor." Phillips, however, says he was out of Cuba by early March 1960, before the "mid-1960" period when Veciana says he was recruited by Bishop. This is in contradiction of his own "Who's Who" entries in recent years, which have him running his public relations firm in Havana till as late as 1961.

Phillips now says these entries are wrong. Assassinations Committee research, however, reportedly indicated that Phillips could indeed have been in Havana during the period mentioned by Veciana. Veciana says that, in Havana, Bishop laid greatest emphasis on psychological warfare techniques. When he first worked for the CIA in Chile, he used newspaper work as a cover for his activities. In

1954, it was Phillips' CIA radio broadcasts which tricked the leftist government in Guatemala into a bloodless capitulation to nonexistent "invasion forces." Later, it would be Phillips who ran propaganda for the CIA's ill-fated invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs. He has described how shattered he was — like so many of his CIA colleagues — when that operation ended in fiasco.

It was immediately after the Bay of Pigs disaster, according to Veciana, that Bishop called him to a meeting. He says: "At that time Bishop decided that the only thing left to be done was to have an attempt on Castro's life." Veciana undoubtedly did take part in such a plot, which was discovered at the last minute. Arrests followed, although Veciana escaped thanks to a warning from Bishop.

The CIA, as congressional inquiry has revealed beyond question, did scheme repeatedly to assassinate Castro. Phillips says he knew nothing of assassination plots at that time. He has, however, admitted that — while in Cuba — he took part in other conspiratorial activity very similar to that ascribed to Bishop.

Phillips says he contacted one of a group of anti-Castro Cubans who were planning an early coup attempt against Castro. His CIA instructions for the operation, says Phillips, were to introduce himself as "an American anxious to assist," perhaps "using a false identity." The plan leaked, and several of the Cubans involved were arrested. The parallels with Bishop's alleged activity are certainly unfortunate for Phillips. For the investigator, it is important to note again that Veciana could not have read about such details when he first made his Bishop statements in 1976. They appear in Phillips' biography, which was published only in 1977.

Just as congressional investigators could not rule out Phillips as Bishop for the Havana period, a question-mark remains over the incident at the heart of the furore — the meeting in autumn, 1963, when Veciana says he encountered Oswald in Bishop's company in Dallas, Texas. Phillips says he was in Texas around that time. His purpose, he asserts, was to visit relatives in Fort Worth, 30 miles from Dallas.

In terms of the wider Kennedy inquiry, it is important that — at this key period before the assassination — Phillips was in charge of anti-Castro operations in Mexico City. He was also in that post at the time Oswald visited Mexico, when a man calling himself Oswald visited the Soviet and Cuban consulates in Mexico City.

Those events, at the end of September 1963, occurred a month after Veciana says he encountered Bishop in Oswald's company in Dallas, and gave rise to one of the most serious controversies in the history of the Kennedy inquiry.

Serious scholars are today still troubled by the possibility that — while the real Oswald clearly did visit Mexico — it may have been an impostor using his name who actually visited the Communist embassies. The suspicion arises, in part, because several key witnesses who encountered Oswald at the embassies cast doubt on his authenticity.

Veciana, with his allegations against his former U.S. intelligence handler Bishop, has fuelled that suspicion. Several weeks after the assassination, Veciana asserts, Bishop asked him to get in touch with a cousin, Guillermo Ruiz, who was then a high-ranking Cuban intelligence official stationed in Mexico City. Ruiz was to be offered a large bribe to say publicly that he had met with Oswald in Mexico.

Veciana says he responded to his odd request by asking Bishop whether it was true that Oswald met Ruiz. Bishop, he says, merely retorted: "It doesn't matter. It's not important whether he did or not. The important thing is that Guillermo Ruiz, a member of the Cuban intelligence service, says he met with Oswald."

Veciana says it all came to nothing, that he was unable to contact Ruiz, and that Bishop subsequently dropped the subject. He is convinced, however, that Maurice Bishop was trying to use this as a device to have the Cuban government blamed for President Kennedy's death.

The doubts raised by the human testimony might have been resolved long since by the CIA, which has records indicating that its surveillance system picked up Oswald's visits to the Communist embassies. The CIA took photographs of visitors to Communist embassies, and had bugging devices installed both inside the premises and wired into the telephone systems. While documents indicate that some of the information about Oswald came from a human informant, the documentary record and CIA testimony make it clear that a tape-recording

was obtained of the voice of the Oswald who visited the embassies.

The Congress Assassinations Committee, however, last year concluded merely that "CIA headquarters never received a recording of Oswald's voice." Its report failed to focus on the nagging problem of what happened to the recording which was once in CIA hands in Mexico City.

As for photographs, the CIA maintains it has no pictures of Oswald visiting the embassies, even though he made no less than five separate visits.

The committee dourly stated its belief that "photographs of Oswald might have been taken and subsequently lost or destroyed...." As with the missing tape, its report failed to follow up and ask how the CIA could have lost pictures of Oswald, or why pictures would have been destroyed.

It has been suggested that continued secrecy about Mexico City is justified by the need to protect CIA surveillance systems. That seems a weak excuse. 16 years on, when information long available leaves little doubt about the technical nature of such operations, it is surely outweighed by the grave suspicion that U.S. intelligence was involved in fabrication of evidence linking Oswald to Communist officials.

Former CIA operations officer David Phillips was questioned by the Assassinations Committee about the events in Mexico City — quite separately from the committee's interest in the identity of Bishop. In recent years he has come up with his own explanations of the fact that no CIA photographs or recordings have survived of the Oswald who visited the embassies.

Basing his statements on the fact that he was serving in Mexico City at the time, Phillips explained the lack of photographs of Oswald by saying that CIA coverage of the embassies was sporadic. This appears to jar with his own biography, in which he wrote of "total coverage" and implied that surveillance was "thorough." As for the Oswald recordings, he has said that they were "routinely destroyed" before the assassination. Phillips explains that the tapes concerned were re-used, and other voices recorded on top of Oswald's.

Moreover, according to the *Washington Post* in 1976, Phillips indicated knowledge of a transcript of an "Oswald" call to the Soviet embassy. This, supposedly, showed that Oswald tried to sell information to the Soviets. Subsequently, Phillips discredited himself from that allegation.

I have now learned that Phillips' testimony on Mexico City failed to satisfy the first Chief Counsel of the Congress Assassinations Committee, Richard Sprague. He told me last month: "I didn't feel we were being told the absolute truth on Mexico City by the CIA. Specifically, I felt that the narration on Mexico City by David Phillips, given under oath, would not bear thorough examination. It was contrary to that given by other sources, and to other facts."

The second chief counsel of the committee, Professor Blakey, said last month that "Phillips testified about a variety of subjects, and the committee was less than satisfied with his performance or his candor."

In September 1976, shortly after congressional investigators began considering Phillips as a possible candidate for the role of Bishop, a bizarre confrontation was arranged between Phillips and Veciana.

The investigator working on the Bishop case arranged, along with a female colleague and Veciana, to attend a luncheon held by the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, and organized by Phillips. Phillips was introduced to Veciana, and the two men talked in Spanish after lunch. Phillips, however, showed no sign of recognition — a fact which, as noted earlier, aroused the suspicion of the Assassinations Committee.

A senior officer with Phillips' operation background in Cuban affairs, the committee felt, would not have been so ignorant about an exile leader of Veciana's prominence. What now appears most disquieting is that Phillips has, since the confrontation, insisted that he was at no stage told Veciana's name during the luncheon. He was, indeed, seated at the table that Veciana was introduced to him only as "the driver."

That is simply not true — both the Senate staff present confirm that Phillips was first introduced to Veciana by name before the luncheon, and was clearly told the name again afterward. Why has Phillips been at such pains to deny this? — (QNS)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Al Riyad and Al Bilad ran as their lead story the opening by Crown Prince Fahd of the 10th session of the Higher Council of Medina's Islamic University Sunday. **Al Yam** led with the Kingdom's welcome for the Syro-Libyan merger, while **Al Yam** also reported that the Kingdom has completed the measures concerning ownership of Aramco, now to be called "The National Oil Company". **Okaz** headlined the United States' support for the coup in Turkey; **Al Medina** reported that an extraordinary conference of OPEC oil ministers would be held to study the current situation in the world oil market.

Newspapers frontpaged Saudi Arabia's welcome of the establishment of a union between Syria and Libya. They also gave front-page prominence to the Turkish events, saying that life is returning to normal and the coup leaders are holding consultations on solutions for the country's economic ills. In a page-one story, **Al Riyad** reported that the Afghan revolutionaries have killed an Afghan minister in a daring attack in Paktia province close to the borders of Pakistan. The heavy losses reported during the

ions and organizations is not new but stems from their firm belief in the importance and effectiveness of these institutions.

On the same subject, **Al Medina** noted that the Islamic University is playing a leading role in spreading Islamic knowledge. Hundreds of its graduates are working in Islamic states, striving to remove doubts created by hostile elements concerning the Islamic faith. The paper said that the Kingdom is very anxious to see that the Islamic University fulfills the role for which it has been established.

Al Bilad also concentrated on the Islamic University, saying that the crown prince's presence to open the 10th session of the university's higher council reflects his great concern for the development of education in the country. The Kingdom remains specially concerned for the development of education, which determines the scientific and technological advancement of the people of Saudi Arabia. Referring to the great leap the Kingdom has taken in the field of education, the paper said that the Islamic University has a great and significant role to play in spreading Islamic knowledge and education among Muslim youth.

Iranian-Iraqi clashes were highlighted on the front page of **Al Nada** which reported that Tehran has admitted the Iraqi forces have occupied some of its border areas.

Among the topics dealt with by the newspaper editorials, most prominent was the opening of the 10th session of the Higher Council of Medina's Islamic University by Crown Prince Fahd Sunday. The paper commended the university's role and the crown prince's special interest in its activities. Some editorials highlighted Arab efforts at the United Nations and stressed the need for pressuring Israel to respect the U.N. resolutions.

In an editorial on the Islamic University, **Al Riyad** noted that the crown prince's personal presence reaffirms the role he plays in promoting Islamic culture and education within the country. The paper said that although the university functions on Saudi Arabian soil, it is not a university for Saudi Arabians alone but for Muslims from all parts of the world. It provides a link between the Muslims of east and west, the paper said, adding that the concern of the country's leaders for Islamic institutions

Arab News

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Paintings, jewellery, furniture on display

By Jenny Bagley
London Bureau

London's leading antique dealers are currently showing an assembly of paintings, jewellery, silver and gold, furniture and other treasures, together worth over £40 million pounds, at the Burlington House Fair in Piccadilly.

Opened last week by the prime minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher — herself a keen collector of porcelain — the fair is like a miniature Bond Street enclosed within a gallery of the Royal Academy building in Piccadilly (just opposite the Forman and Mason store). On a series of beautifully-designed and elegantly painted stands, fifty-one of London's oldest-established dealers are taking part and they offer a glittering display of objects from their showrooms.

Every item is for sale, with the exception of the objects that members of the British Royal

Family have lent until the fair closes Sept. 17. Every object submitted for display at the Fair must be of the highest quality and each is strictly examined beforehand by a panel of experts for its authenticity and condition. Anything that is sold during the fair is replaced almost immediately by another object so that dealers always have a full stock to offer to prospective buyers.

Inevitably at a fair of this standing most of the items are worth hundreds or thousands of pounds. A Chinese porcelain figure of a horse and rider from the T'ang dynasty, for example, is for sale at £17,000. An eighteenth-century English silver coffee pot with a side handle is on offer at £6,750. But also available for the collector with a more modest bank balance is a choice of beautiful items in the £ 100 to £ 200 price range.

The Queen Mother is patron of the fair and from her collection of 60 pieces of Chelsea porcelain she has lent 12 items for display at the Royal Academy. The Queen Mother

started her collection of china in 1945 when the plates cost only between £100 and £250 each; nowadays they are worth thousands of pounds. The designs of fruit, flowers and vegetables on the pottery were based upon specimens from the Physic Garden in Chelsea which in 1755 was one of the leading centers of botanical research in Europe. The Garden in fact still survives today, tucked away behind high walls between the River Thames and Royal Hospital Road.

From among her vast private collection of antiques, the Queen has lent two porcelain clocks from the eighteenth century; both are highly elaborate and colorful, and decorated with shepherdesses and Cupids. These were bought by ancestors of the Queen in 1819 for the mere sum of £73. These pieces from the Royal Collection are not normally on public view.

Every specialized interest is catered for at the fair. Among the more outstanding items on the stand of Waryaki of 14 Grafton Street, for example, is this silver-mounted cut

glass punch bowl made by the Russian craftsman Carl Faberge (shown in photograph). It is placed on a silver tray and has 24 silver-mounted cut glass cups. A splendid example of finest craftsmanship, it is fully signed and contained in its original oak case.

On another stand, a rare set of four medallions made of platinum, gold, silver and bronze bearing the head of Louis XVIII of France are for sale. These medallions were made by the Paris Mint for presentation to the Duke of Wellington in appreciation of the part he played in restoring the Bourbon kings to the throne of France.

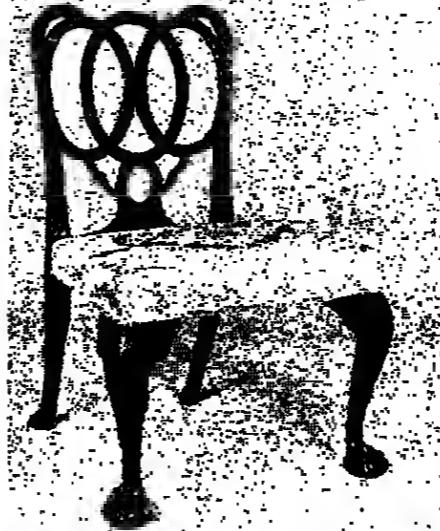
Howes of Edinburgh have a gleaming display of antique silver, including an exquisite 17th century silver ginger jar; nautical instruments are the speciality of Harriet Wynter; and there are Swiss tapestries, ivory models of ships, clocks, Cartier jewellery, snuff boxes, Chinese bird cages, chandeliers and lots of first-class antique English furniture. Collectors of every kind should find something to their liking.



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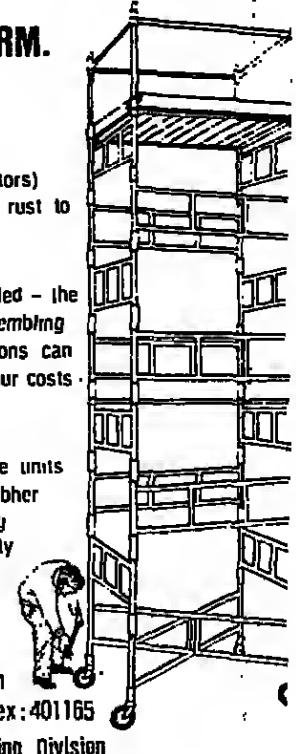
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Mexican keeps featherweight title

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 14 (AP) — Mexico's Salvador Sanchez, apparently confused in the early rounds, regained his composure and punched out a contested split decision over Patrick Ford of Guyana to claim the World Boxing Council featherweight championship Saturday.

Judge Jose Escalante scored the fight 48-43 for the 126-pound Sanchez, judge A. D. Bynum of the U.S. saw it 145-141 for the defending champion and judge Ramon Teran of Mexico scored it even at 145-all.

However, Ford's manager and trainer

angrily charged "robbery" after the fight. They had filed an official protest before the bout that two of the judges were from Sanchez' native country.

Ford, at 5-10 extremely tall for a 126-pound fighter, used his 6 1/2-inch reach advantage to score heavily in the early rounds by flicking his left fist into Sanchez' chin.

Ford sent blood trickling from Sanchez' left nostril when he rocked the champion with a left uppercut in the third round.

However, Sanchez — beginning in the fourth round — moved inside the longer-armed challenger and pummeled Ford's lower body with jabs and rocked the taller man several times with uppercuts.

After the fight, promoter Don Georgino announced Sanchez would meet super-bantamweight champion Wilfredo Gomez within 90 days, possibly in Las Vegas, in a fight that will net Sanchez more \$1 million and Gomez \$500,000.

Ford wept openly in his dressing room after the fight and said he thought he had earned a

victory. While many of his seconds bitterly screamed their fighter was robbed, Ford said, "I won the fight. I'm proud of myself that I put up such a fight."

However, he said his manager would decide whether to lodge an official protest.

Stanley Moore, chairman of the sports council of Guyana, criticized the WBC rule allowing two fight judges to be from the same country.

"These rules are not justice and don't look like fair play," he said. "It's clear to me Patrick Ford was robbed of a victory," said Kit Nascimento, an official of the Guyana ministry. "It's a disgrace that American-controlled boxing system allows a fight when a fighter has to fight against loaded judges. Let them order Sanchez to fight a return bout in a neutral country with neutral judges."

However, Sanchez dismissed his opponents' protests. "They can think whatever they want to but three judges saw the fight. If I lost, maybe I'd say the same," the champion said.

East Hampton, Southampton, Westhampton, Quogue, Quogue and Sag Harbor.

Clayton has a private court at his home in Quogue and allows other players from the area to use the facilities. "I find the strategy of the game to be exciting," he said. "It is similar to backgammon and chess in that respect. But hitting the ball is also a physical release."

Cortland Wood, president of the Westhampton Mallet Club, said, "croquet is not an exciting sport to watch, but that's because most people don't understand it. It's not just a physical activity and it's not just a thinking game. It's a complicated affair."

The object of croquet, in its barest explanation, is to score more points than your opponent by being the first to move two colored balls twice through a course of six wire wickets and hit a center peg at the end of the run. Sounds easy, eh? Don't be deceived. The rules of the game are considerably more complicated than this summary and, until recently, were usually determined by the proprietor of the mallets.

"The biggest barrier in the advancement of croquet has been a lack of rule agreement," Oshorn said. "It's hard to play a game when everyone who owns the set becomes the arbiter of the rules and decides how the game should be run. There's nothing more frustrating than going across the street, not to mention across the country, and find you are playing a different game."

The USCA has been working to formulate a comprehensive set of croquet regulations. Some of these new rules are geared to make croquet a more exciting spectator sport. For



SIDE-BY-SIDE: Swedes Nils Nilsson, left, and Ingmar Ljungberg, like each other enough to wear the same shirt for the about three hours they trotted together during a recent marathon in Stockholm.

Light Cavalry takes St. Leger

DONCASTER, England, Sept. 14 (R) — Light Cavalry routed the favorite Water Mill when winning the 204th St. Leger, oldest of Britain's horse racing classics, by four lengths here Saturday.

Light Cavalry, the 3-1 second favorite ridden by Joe Mercer, went straight into the lead when the seven runners left the stalls at the start of the one mile, six furlongs, 127 yards (2800 meters) race and was never headed.

Water mill, the 11-8 favorite, mounted a

strong challenge three furlongs (600 meters) from the finish but Light Cavalry held him at bay and then strode away impressively to land the 71,256 sterling (\$171,014) winner's prize for owner Jim Joel.

Water Mill's defeat was particularly disappointing for his rider Willie Carson, who had been looking to become only the third jockey to win four English classics in one season. Previously he had ridden the winners of the 2,000 Guineas, Epsom Derby and Oaks,

King, Holladay in tennis final

TOKYO, Sept. 14 (AP) — Billie Jean King, a three-set winner, and Terry Holladay, who needed just two, advanced to the finals of a \$175,000 international women's tennis tournament Saturday.

King, the top-seed and defending champion, was taken to the limit by Dianne Fromholtz, of Australia, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5, in a

match that lasted one hour and 45 minutes. Holladay advances to Sunday's final against King and a battle for the \$34,000 first prize.

King, 37, double-faulted 11 times in her match against Fromholtz played before 3,300 spectators at Tokyo's No. 2 Olympic Gymnasium.

Zoetemelk wins race

PARIS, Sept. 14 (AFP) — Bad luck continued to haunt Bernard Hinault's cycling season as the French superstar fell in the Critérium des As cycling race at Longchamp here and left the field clear to Dutchman Joop Zoetemelk, this year's French Tour victor, who won the Critérium for the second year in a row.

Zoetemelk, 26, won the race in 4 hours, 52

By Esther Fein

"Alice thought she had never seen such a curious croquet ground in her life; it was all ridges and furrows; the balls were live hedgehogs and the mallets live flamingos, and the soldiers had to double themselves up and stand on their hands and feet to make the arches."

— Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (Newsday) — It is through this passage that most Americans receive their first and final introduction to a curious English game called croquet. Mention the sport and the scene conjured would likely be of Victorian matrons on the manicured lawn of a mansion. But croquet has evolved into a quite different sport from the one played by Alice or those proper women.

Modern croquet is quite distinguished from the widely held image of the game between long-skirted ladies playing with wide wire wickets, small rubber balls and lightweight mallets," said Jack R. Oshorn, president of the United States Croquet Association. "The game is being played now competitively and seriously. The equipment is heavier and more substantial and the game is a cross between the American version of the early 20th Century and the more advanced game that has evolved in Great Britain."

Despite the common British association with croquet, the game originated in 14th Century France and was introduced into England, via Ireland, in the mid-19th Century. Croquet was played often in the United States in the late 1800s, but with the advent of lawn tennis at the turn of the century, the

popularity of the sport ebbed. And now, croquet is generally conceived of as boring (yawn) and slow-moving (ruh your eyes.)

"Nonsense," said Robert Clayton Jr., who has been playing croquet for 25 years. "Most people who feel that way are people who have never played the game. I was excited by the sport from the first time I played it. I was at a friend's house for the weekend and he showed me the game. When I got home, I immediately went to Abercrombie and Fitch (a sporting goods store in New York City that recently closed) and bought myself a set."

It's a misconception that croquet is "just for old fogies and children," said Betty Lawrence, vice-chairman of the Meadow Club at Southampton. "It prevents people from participation in a sport they could really enjoy."

Croquet is comprised of mallets, wickets, stakes and balls. Official wickets are made of iron and the pegs are wooden. The four balls, made of compressed cork and coated in plastic, are colored blue, red, black and yellow and weigh approximately one pound each. There are no weight and size restrictions for mallets, though most weigh about three pounds and are made of either ash or hickory wood.

The resurgence of croquet in the United States is due in large part to its growth on Long Island. Herbert Bayard Swope, the Pulitzer Prize-winning publisher of the now defunct *New York World*, first introduced the sport 50 years ago at his Sands Point estate and other island residents soon picked it up. By the late 1950s, the Hamptons were dotted with croquet courts on many of the private estates. Clubs on Long Island now exist in

example, games were formally played without a clock — no buzzers, no time limits.

"It used to be that you'd hit a ball and stand for five hours discussing it," Wood noted. The USCA now has a 1 1/2-hour time limit on all tournament matches and allows 45 seconds between shots.

Another aspect of the game that is being modified to accommodate players and spectators is "deadness." Play in croquet is made by hitting a ball through a wicket with a mallet. Each player is entitled to one stroke per turn. Extra strokes can be earned, however, by going through a hoop or by hitting another ball with your own.

Once a player has hit another ball, he or she is "dead" on that ball, and cannot hit it again until he has cleared the next wicket. There are penalties for striking a dead ball before clearing the next hoop. Keeping a mental tally of who is dead on which ball is, understandably, a confusing matter.

"We are now installed scoreboards which will show which player is dead on which balls," Osborn explained. "This will reduce the need for extra thinking time for players trying to remember which ball to avoid. There's nothing worse than watching someone think, and I hope this will make the game more appealing to the viewer."

Lawford said, "players can stand over a shot for 20 minutes if you let them. This limit regulates the game and without the scoreboard, you could easily forget which balls were legal to hit."

"To get standardized rules is very desirable," Clayton added, "both for regular play and competitions."



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Credit restrictions lifted

Japan relaxing sanctions on USSR

TOKYO, Sept. 14 (WP) — Japan is beginning to relax the economic sanctions it quietly imposed against the Soviet Union as part of the American-inspired punitive response to the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. The government has agreed to permit an extension of credit to the USSR for two important Siberian development projects, and officials indicate the wraps may be taken off of more in the coming months.

In addition, a high-level Soviet trade official arrived for talks in Tokyo last week, the first of his rank to do business with the Japanese since economic relations were partly frozen early this year.

In a typically Japanese manner, the slow policy change is not being acknowledged officially, just as the government never officially acknowledged that it had banned export-import credits after Russian troops poured into Afghanistan. The change, however, has been reported in the Japanese press and confirmed by knowledgeable government officials.

Officials deny that the credit restrictions are going to be dismantled completely in the near future, but give several reasons why they are willing to embark on a gradual thaw. The major one is a complaint by Japanese businessmen that they are losing important Soviet contracts to France and West Germany, countries which they say have not gone as far as Japan in the punitive freeze.

"No other country decided to suspend cre-

dits," said one official sympathetic to the businessmen's complaints. "Japan was the only one. As a result, our businessmen are severely handicapped and they have lost business."

He described as "not true" press reports that there will soon be a wholesale dismantling of the credit curbs. Only two have been ordered lifted so far. "But we cannot exclude the possibility that we may be inclined to lift the other suspensions in time," he added. "Otherwise, Japanese trade (with the Soviets) would come to a halt."

The changing policy may bring the Japanese into a confrontation with the United States, which has softened its sanctions policy somewhat but which still wants to see the Soviet Union punished economically for sending troops into Afghanistan. It is understood that Japanese officials have mentioned five cases in which they would like to lift the ban on credits but have not specifically outlined the Americans that they have actually lifted the ban in two cases.

Those two cases involve joint Japan-Soviet projects in Siberia which are as important to Tokyo as they are to Moscow. One of them is a project to develop coking coal resources, which needs an extra \$40 million in credits. The Japanese, hoping to switch energy sources from oil to coal, are eager to get the Siberian coal as the Soviets are to develop it. The credits are to help the Russians buy the coal-digging equipment from Japanese firms.

America battles foreign imports

Gasoline-saving cars roll off in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (OFNS) — Early this month the first of Ford's gasoline-saving "world cars" rolled off the assembly line in Matuchen, New Jersey, driven by no less a luminary in the race to "reindustrialize" the U.S. car industry than Transportation Secretary Neil Goldschmidt.

More "hoops" over small cars is due to follow. Chrysler's compact K-car is about to drive forth into the market — an event to be celebrated by Frank Sinatra in television adver-

General Motors, meanwhile, is busy marketing its X-car, which is nearly identical to the Chrysler model in design and price.

On the success of these late-blossoming, compact cars rides the future of the U.S. car industry, which lately has suffered massive

losses as the gasoline crisis combined with a sharp recession to cut sales dramatically. Chrysler has lost over \$2 million during the past 18 months — more than any other U.S. corporation in history — and Ford is expected to lose that much in 1980 alone.

Even General Motors is expected to lose money in 1980 for the first time in 59 years, although it began its conversion from production of "gas-guzzling" large sedans to compacts sooner than its American competitors.

Most car market analysts believe it will take \$80 million of investment and about three years for the American firms to fully convert to small car production. So far, foreign firms, mainly from Japan, have been filling much of the U.S. demand for small cars, and the foreigners' share of the U.S. market

has surged to 30 per cent.

Three years hence, it may be very difficult for the U.S. firms to win back American customers who have decided that what is good for Toyota is good for America, or at least for them. Accordingly, the U.S. car companies, the powerful United Auto Workers Union, and other lobbyists have coövered on Congress and the administration calling for a protective tariff to restrict Japanese car imports.

President Jimmy Carter — campaigning hard for re-election — recently responded to the pressure. Last July he urged the U.S. International Trade Commission to speed up a decision on whether Japanese imports are harming the U.S. car industry enough to warrant a retaliatory tariff. The commission refused to alter its schedule and will not take up the matter until after the November election, but Congress could impose a duty in any case.

Meanwhile, the U.S. administration is pushing forward with its program to "reindustrialize" America, and its vital car industry, with tax cuts to stimulate investment in more efficient production techniques. The program also entails pruning away many of the environmental regulations about which the companies have complained so bitterly.

Whether the U.S. car industry will in fact be "reindustrialized" remains an open question, yet on the fate of that industry hangs the future of others: rubber, steel, iron, zinc, aluminum.



ASTRONAUT LOOK FOR INDUSTRY: Latest industrial 'new look' is this space-age astronaut fashion. The space style is actually a light weight helmet outfit designed to protect workers against the hazards of lead and other harmful metal dusts. Made by Mine Safety Appliances of Pittsburgh, USA, the hood is made of a tough plastic. Adjustable valves allow the worker to control incoming air flow which is supplied from a compressed air source.

Agreement seen likely

Coffee producers, consumers discuss price fluctuations

LONDON, Sept. 14 (R) — Third World coffee producing countries and Western consuming nations appear to be on the brink of an agreement to prevent the world price fluctuations the commodity has suffered in recent years.

Delegates sources at the International Coffee Organization (ICO) say chances of clinching an accord to regulate the market when consumers and producers begin talks here Monday are better than at any time in the last five years.

The present International Coffee Agreement to organize the market has been in existence since 1976, but key clauses to stabilize prices have never been used.

A dramatic slump in coffee prices this year, because of a large world surplus has made producers anxious to stabilize the price and guarantee the important foreign currency it earns for their economies.

Brazil, the biggest producer and one of

the most militant, is ready to sign the accord and abandon efforts by South American producers to support prices, the sources said.

One key to agreement during the two-week negotiations is a trigger price at which export quotas would come into force, the sources said.

Under the 1976 accord, if market prices dropped below 77 cents, pound quotas would come into effect, ensuring a stable flow of coffee from producers instead of a flood which might drive prices lower or a sudden shortage which would push them higher.

Producers will seek to persuade consuming countries to agree on a new, much higher trigger price near today's market levels, the sources forecast.

In return, the consuming countries will expect eight South American countries led by Brazil to stop market intervention by the organization they set up to support prices, called Pancafe.

Gold price rise forecast by Moscow

LONDON, Sept. 14 (AFP) — The Moscow Narodny Bank of London, in its third quarterly bulletin issued here, has added its own prophecy to those in the West for a rise in the price of gold.

The Soviet Union is roughly on a level with South Africa as the world's largest gold producer, though Moscow, unlike Pretoria, has not announced its mining production.

The Moscow Narodny Bank gives three reasons for its price rise forecast:

— The trend over the last four years has been a rising one establishing confidence and generating broader demand for the metal as an appreciating asset.

— A significant cut in the supply of gold is probably after the half in gold sales by the United States and the International Monetary Fund, and despite efforts to increase production by certain small producers like Zaire, Brasil, the Dominican Republic and Peru to pay for their oil imports.

This reduction in gold production is likely, the bank added, despite the improvement in the political and economic situation in Zimbabwe and Ghana which should permit increased gold production there, and encouraging forecasts of developing production in China and Australia.

— There has been no evidence over the last six months that the world political situation, to which gold has become so sensitive, will provide impetus for anything but an increase in prices.

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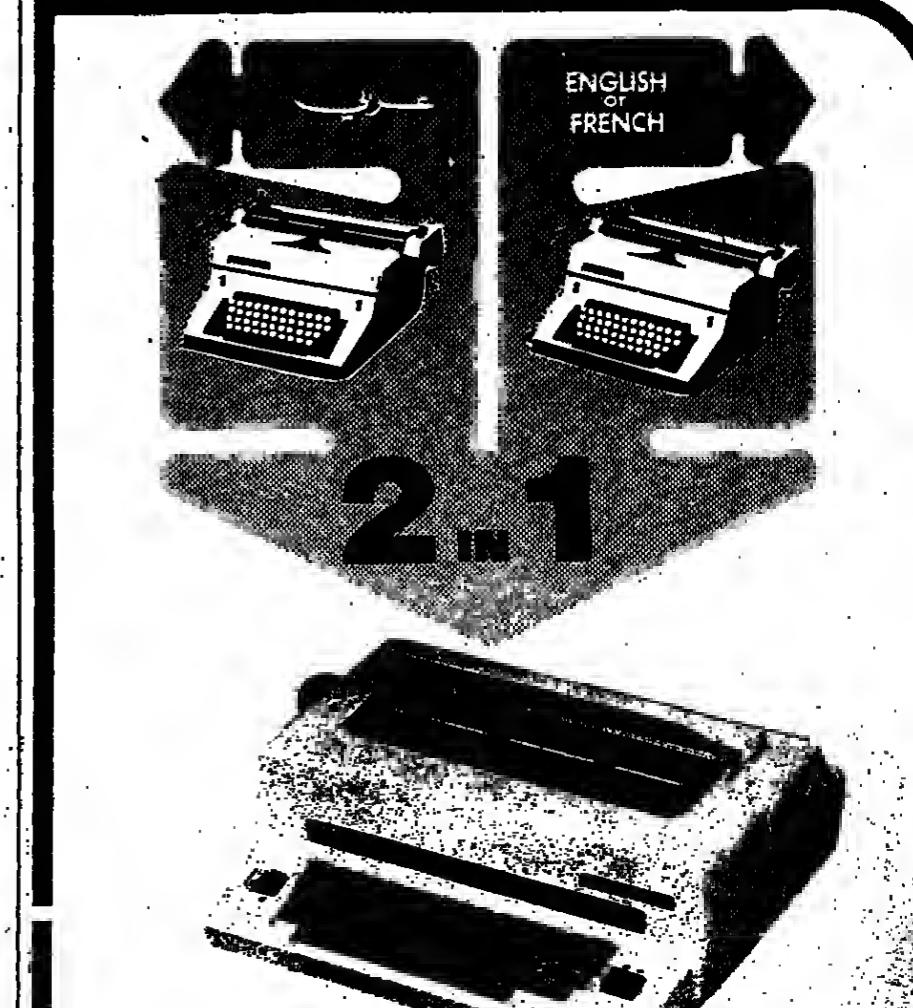
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1930 - 50 years of Blondie — 1980

By Mort Young

That most amusing married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dagwood Bumstead, celebrate a golden anniversary on Sept. 8, 1980. Dagwood is not taking the day off. The 50th anniversary of "Blondie," the world's most popular comic strip, fell on a Monday for him, too.

At 7:30 a.m. he snuggled under the covers, only his twin cowlicks poking out, until Blondie came up from the kitchen to wake him up and send him off to work. And Daisy, the family dog, watched the familiar scene with knowing eyes.

Life wasn't always that way for the Bumsteads — particularly not a half-century ago, on Sept. 8, 1930. That day, a cartoonist named Chic Young saw his first "Blondie" comic strip published, thanks to King Features. Those daily adventures would become near necessities to the readers of 1,632 newspapers in 60 countries by the time Chic died, in 1973.

Now written by his son, Dean Young, "Blondie" now appears daily in 1,800 newspapers and is read by over 150 million who have come to relish the Bumstead way of life. Dagwood would never dream it.

Back in 1930, Dagwood was a callow playboy, heir to the fortune of his railroad tycoon father, J. Bolling Bumstead. Trouble, as they say, brewed. Dagwood fell in love with a vivacious flapper, Blondie Boopadoop. He proposed, she accepted. Pater and Mater Bumstead protested.

Who was this scatter-brained gold-digger with her claws in Dagwood's hide and her eyes fastened on his wallet? This high-skirted young thing had come out of nowhere, as far as the Bumsteads were concerned. She was not their class, surely.

And right they were. Of course, she had gone to college, Miss Boopadoop assured J. Bolling. Only she couldn't remember to which one, except it wasn't Yale. Wait, it was coming to her, she said, perched on the corner of the tycoon's desk. Oh yes — she'd sent for a college catalogue. Somehow, though, she never did get to college, she admitted. J. Bolling glowered.

The Bumsteads put their collective foot down. Marriage was out of the question. J. Bolling swore he'd disinherit Dagwood if he married Blondie.

Exactly 28 days, seven hours, eight minutes and 22 seconds later, on Feb. 13, 1933, the marriage took place. True to his stodgy word, J. Bolling wrote his headstrong son out of his will.

It was just as well. Unknown to Dagwood and Blondie, their lifestyles were close to being changed dramatically. America was deep in Depression. Flappers couldn't afford to resole their dancing shoes; playboys went on the dole. Tycoons, agog, watched their investments dwindle to boxes of apples to be sold on streetcorners.

Also unknown to the newlyweds was the intercession of the hand of fate, in the form of Joseph V. Connolly, then general manager of King Features, for whom Murat Bernard "Chic" Young had worked since 1923. Connolly advised the cartoonist to move with the times. Because of Connolly, Dagwood and Blondie were married; because of him, they were to become the cartoon personifications of every real-life, hard-pressed married couple in America.

Young worked hard to keep "Blondie" simple, to deal with situations so many others were facing, but he warped it just a bit to elicit the humorous side.

Dean, like his father, keeps the strip contemporary. The Bumsteads don't change, really, although the actual and the cartoon worlds around them do. They have never owned a car and, though the Bumsteads live

in some undisclosed suburb, every country in which they appear has taken them to heart as real people in a real world.

They are concerned with making ends meet and raising a family, with eating and sleeping. Of the latter two, Dagwood never gets enough.

The cartoonist's art mirrored life in millions of families. The Bumsteads, in their little two-story house, got a dog named her Daisy. "She was a funny-looking thing, nothing like Daisy today," says Dean Young. "She's smart. She doesn't talk or think like a human. She reacts to what goes on, adding a little extra, I think, to the situations."

Which flows on. Dagwood and Blondie had their first child on April 15, 1934. They named him Baby Dumpling — more formally, Alexander. Later that year, the Dionne Quintuplets were born. The world was taken with the five little girls and so were the Bumsteads. It wasn't coincidental that Daisy soon gave birth to five puppies, each named after Dionne quint except for the sole male pup. The Bumsteads called him Elmer.

Although Alexander is 46 years old chronologically, he is just a teenager in the strip. So is his baby sister, Cookie. Cookie was born on April 11, 1941; in time for Dagwood to wheel her in her carriage followed by Blondie, Alexander, Daisy and the puppies, into the local draft board to plead exemption from military service. His family needed him.

Cookie's birth had been anxiously awaited. The Bumstead's didn't name her. King Features ran a national contest offering \$100,000 to anyone who thought up the best name for the new Bumstead baby. In pored 431,275 letters. Mrs. Beatrice Barken of Cleveland took the prize.

"Alexander and Cookie will always remain teenagers," promises Dean Young.

Life went on. Dagwood got a job with the J.C. Dithers Co. as office manager. He's still there. The firm's business is never mentioned. "It's purposely not specified," explains Dean. "I want people to relate to it as if it were their company. They can relate to the office, the boss and the situation."

Mr. Dithers, a grumpy tyrant with a heart of heavily-alloyed fool's gold, and his wife Cora are integral part of the strip. So, too, are the next-door neighbors, Herb and Tootsie Woodley. Herb is Dagwood's best friend, Tootsie is Blondie's.

The strip's major characters have remained fairly intact. Take Mr. Beasley, the postman, an unfortunate who always delivers the mail at the wrong time; as Dagwood is flying out the door to make the bus. Nine times out of ten, Mr. Beasley is bowed over, his letters scattered across the lawn, by jugs-naut Dagwood.

Linked to this predestined morning event is perhaps the most memorable goodbye kiss in history. It is bestowed by Dagwood on Blondie as she waits at the front door, holding it open with one hand, a cup of coffee in the other. (On occasion, she has held Dagwood's trousers so he can leap into them en route to work.) Dagwood takes a flying sip at the brimming cup, smacks a faster-than-sound kiss on Blondie's tender mouth — caroms off the luckless Mr. Beasley — and is off.

Later that day, Dagwood may stop by his regular lunch counter. Now and then a man eating out of a paper bag will be on a stool down the counter. It's the cook. Dagwood learns from the tough counterman. The cook never eats there. Dagwood hasn't got the nerve not to.

The butcher, the milkman, the bus driver, the incredibly persistent door-to-door salesmen, the neighborhood kid Elmo — take mild advantage of easy-going Dagwood. He's too nonplussed to sass them back. If he does, their fast comebacks top him. Blondie is

better able to cope with them than is her astonished husband.

Another institution is the fabled Dagwood sandwich concoction so well-known it hardly needs explanation, although *The Random House* defines the legendary treat as: "A large sandwich in which a large quantity of varied meats, cheeses, dressings and condiments have been used for a filling."

Pal words. The Dagwood sandwich also drips. It bents between the hands like an accordion. It makes the kitchen table groan and Daisy cover her eyes with her paws. It is, of course, more than delicious. The sandwich remains a challenge to human ingenuity — only the carefree dare eat it; it's a two-napkin job.

The comic strip itself is a daily Dagwood sandwich. But it is more than just delicious. It exudes comfort and charm. "Blondie's" appeal, like the famed sandwich, is universal.

Young shuns off social and political implications. It's fun. I show Dagwood and Blondie as a very loving, very caring, very affectionate couple. I like to show that love. I believe it appeals to people to see a couple that isn't bickering or haggling. Here are two people going through life who love each other. It's a warm, wholesome, friendly and affectionate feeling. It makes you happy to see that. It makes *ME* happy."

The key to the continued success of "Blondie" at first eluded Dean, who started working with his father 11 years before Chic Young passed away. Dean says his father was "my mentor, my teacher. He taught me," Dean adds with a twinkle lighting his eyes, "everything about the cartoon business. How to snap a rubberband, how to chew a pencil, how to make an understated, but beautiful paperclip chain," he laughs aloud.

There was a painful time after his father's death. Dean bore full responsibility for writing the strip. Jim Raymond, who helped Chic Young draw the strip, still draws it. "Jim's the best cartoonist in the world. He's a much better artist than I am," says Dean.

But Dean tried to hard to adhere to his father's sense of humor. Immediately after Chic died in 1973, 300 papers dropped "Blondie." the next year, another 200 canceled it. "Those were tense times," Dean recalls.

Behind him lay the great successes: a world-wide comic strip that had become an integral part of the lives of tens of millions of people; a series of 28 movies starring Arthur Lake and Penny Singleton; a radio and then television series; and a cornucopia of "Blondie" dolls, bubblegum, soap, hair tonic and various other items. It all weighed on the heir to "Blondie's" fortunes as much as J. Bolling's stock portfolio. Weighed down young Dagwood.

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In the future is a Broadway musical, taking the Bumsteads into a hitherto untried arena. Meanwhile, Dean, who is 42, turns out the six daily strips and the Sunday page in the same studio on the west coast of Florida, that he once worked in with his father.

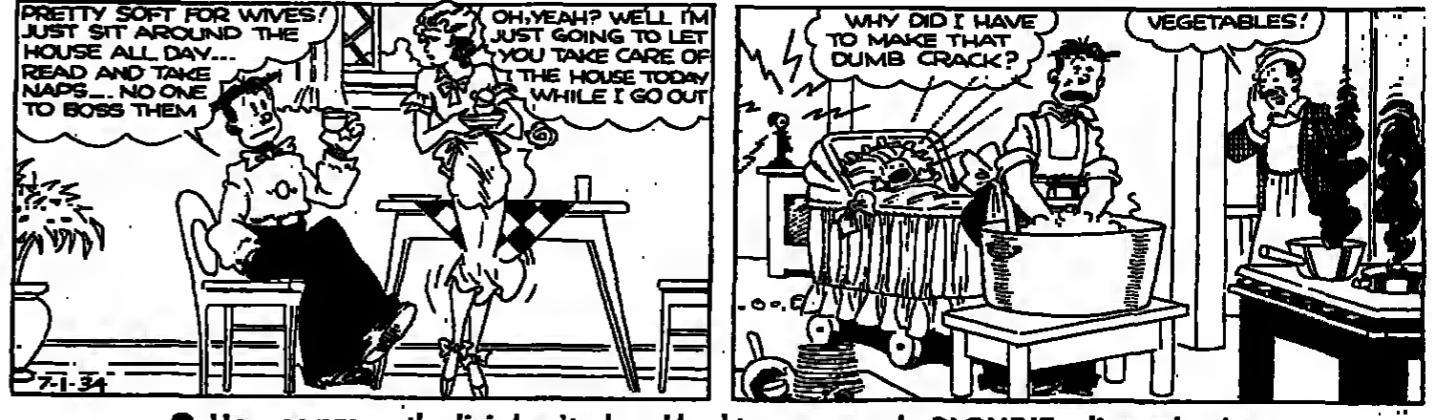
The Bumsteads endure, changing with the times, yet changeless. They remain contemporaries of their readers.

It is now 7:45 a.m. in the Bumstead house. Daisy's ears perk up. This is going to be good. Blondie shakes Dagwood by the shoulder. Daisy sits up. Dagwood doesn't. Anything might happen and Daisy knows it: just what, only Dean Young knows — and soon, so will 80 million others.

1 BLONDIE BOOPADOOP started out as a gold-digging flapper and was not embraced by Dagwood Bumstead's wealthy parents.



2 But Dagwood persisted in his pursuit and the couple were finally married on February 17, 1933.



3 He was promptly disinherited and had to go to work. BLONDIE adjusted to her new housewife status surprisingly easily. Dagwood had a tough time.



4 In sequence, they had a boy, Alexander (called Baby Dumpling in the early years), a girl, Cookie (named by a reader) and their dog, Daisy, had five duns.



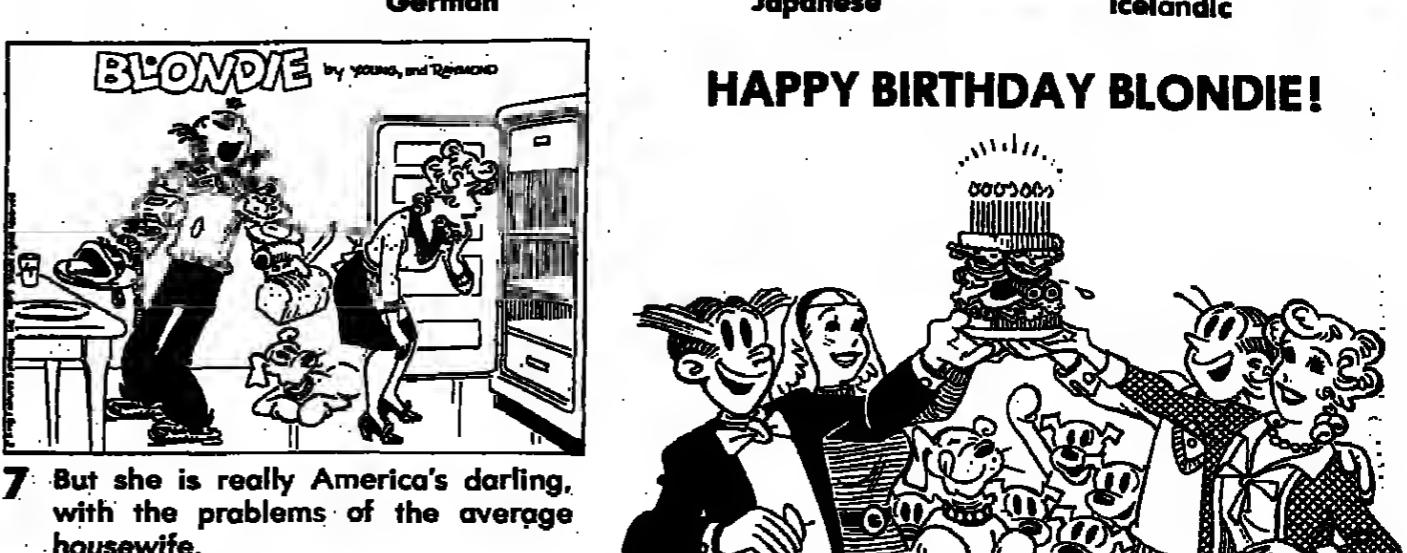
5 The strip has stayed contemporary, clothes and styles changing with the times.



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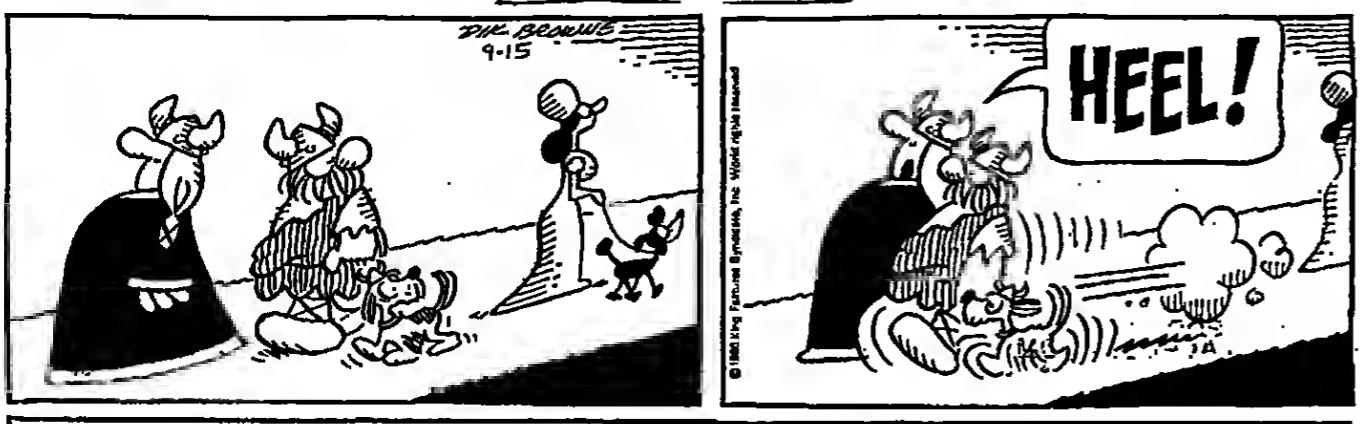
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♦ J 10 9 6 5

EAST
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♥ 9 5
♦ A J 10 8 3
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SOUTH
♦ K 9
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ Q 5 2
♦ Q 4 3

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 ♦
Pass 3 NT Pass 4 ♠
Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

1. He could cash the ♠-A of spades and hope the jack would fall.

2. He could play the spade five from dummy and finesse the nine; hoping East had the jack.

3. He could play the spade five to the king and then finesse dummy's ten, hoping West had the jack.

The actual declarer, Sergio Barbosa, world-famous Brazilian expert, chose the second method of play (leading the five of spades to his nine) and thus made the slam for a score of 1,430 points. As a result of this unusual play, poor East suddenly changed into a deeply disappointed and very saddened man. I know. I was East.

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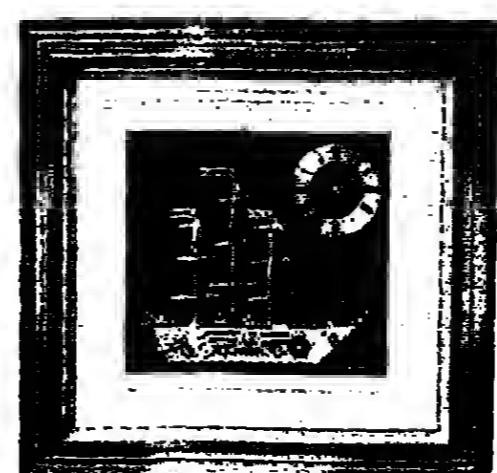
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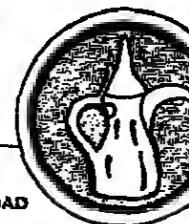
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Afghan border boss killed by tribesmen

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Sept. 14 (Agencies) — Afghanistan's frontier affairs minister, Faiz Muhammad, and two other government officials were reported killed last Thursday by tribesmen in eastern Paktia province, an insurgent spokesman said Sunday.

Reports reaching insurgent leaders in Peshawar from Miranshah, the main Paktia town along the frontier with Pakistan, said Public Works Minister Nazar Mohammad was also killed but the leaders said this could not be confirmed.

A spokesman for the Revolutionary Movement for the Liberation of Afghanistan, led by Ahmad Sayed Gaelein, whose main strength is in Paktia, said Faiz Muhammad was killed at the village of Taka Tiga when he attended a meeting of chiefs from the Zadran tribe.

Faiz Muhammad had landed at Taka Tiga by helicopter with about \$28,000 to ensure the tribe's loyalty or neutrality in the Soviet-backed Kabul government's war against the anti-government insurgents, the spokesman said. He was accompanied by the son of the

government's newly-created special militia force, Gen. Baba Khan, and an aide.

The three men were killed after they distributed the money, insurgent spokesman said. He said they came in two helicopters. One was sent back after Faiz Muhammad decided that he and his colleagues were welcome and that the tribesmen attending the meeting were unarmed.

The minister, a member of the ruling Communist Party's Parcham (FLAG) faction, had been a prominent official in the administration of former President Muhammad Daoud who was killed in April 1978.

Meanwhile, Soviet officers sent troops, tanks and helicopter gunships against insurgent strongholds in Afghanistan's strategic Panjshir Valley and fighting continued in two Afghan provincial capitals, according to reliable reports received in New Delhi.

An Afghan exile quoting a traveler arriving from his homeland, said insurgent anti-aircraft fire brought down Soviet-built MiG-21 near Kabul. Radio Afghanistan reported that an air force jet crashed Friday "on the bank of Chambha Must River (near Kabul), resulting in the destruction of some houses." The broadcast, monitored in New Delhi, said the pilot was killed but gave no further details.

The week-long battle in the Panjshir Valley northeast of Kabul reportedly has involved the bloodiest fighting since Soviet troops were sent into Afghanistan late last December to support the Marxist government in its fight against Muslim insurgents.

Casualties have been heavy on both sides, exile sources said, and an estimated 20 to 30 per cent of the buildings were destroyed by Soviet shelling in the area from Gulbahar to Rokha.

Diplomatic reports reaching New Delhi from Islamabad said fighting also was continuing in and around the important provincial capitals of Herat in western Afghanistan and Kandahar, to the south. "In Herat, the situation is little changed with the old town still a no-go area for Soviet and Afghan forces," one diplomatic source in New Delhi said. Insurgents and bandits reportedly have controlled the city for months.

Western reporters have been expelled from Afghanistan and the reports could not be independently verified. Radio Afghanistan acknowledged heavy fighting in Herat and claimed security forces killed or captured scores of insurgents.



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Wind surfer's Pacific feat stirs doubts

PAPEETE, Tahiti, Sept. 14 (AP) — Frenchman Arnaud de Rosnay arrived here Sunday by air after being picked up from the island of Ahe at the end of an epic 900-kilometer voyage by windsurf through the shark-infested waters of the South Pacific. But although his exploit is being hailed in many quarters, a French windsurf champion has already voiced skepticism about the authenticity of the young baron's performance.

While the French Navy's enthusiasm for the nautical feat has been somewhat cooled by the \$500,000 they expanded on a week-long air sea search, which was still going on when De Rosnay was being feted by Polynesian islanders of the atoll of Ahe.

De Rosnay set out Aug. 31 in his craft, a four-meter-long surf board equipped with a sail in a bid to sail from the island of Nuku-Hiva to Tahiti, a distance of 1,200 kilometers. His departure was unheralded, as he had been forbidden to make the trip by the French naval authorities, and he set off on the dead of night.

Earlier last week everyone's fears about the death of the adventurer seemed justified. A search by planes and ships covering hundreds of square kilometers of ocean produced no trace of the man, and was abandoned. It was only on Sept. 11 when the tanker *Panarosa* picked up a radio call from De Rosnay and also spotted a distress flare, that the search was resumed. It was still going on when De Rosnay reached Ahe, where after an enthusiastic welcome he rested 10 hours and then radioed the navy.

Early in his journey, De Rosnay was on the point of being spotted by a French Navy craft sent to intercept him when it was found he had slipped out of Nuku-Hiva. De Rosnay revealed that the navy boat passed within a few hundred meters the night of Aug. 31, but he hauled down his sail to avoid detection.

From then on the Frenchman spent 12 days and nights on the narrow surface of his craft, with only intermittent sleep and the constant company of curious sharks.

But back in the southern French port of Marseilles Sunday some of De Rosnay's fellow surfers, including French champion Jean-Marie Faucheu, were somewhat skeptical about the exploit.

Faucheu said that De Rosnay has never satisfactorily explained his "record" crossing of the Bering Straits, when he averaged 20 knots for over seven hours, a speed many experts have described as impossible to sustain.

Faucheu said, "Medical tests have proved that after two hours sailing in a strong wind, one loses as many calories as a rugby football player during a game. De Rosnay could never have held out so long without help. There isn't a specialist of windsurfing in strong winds in France that would have tried such a trip."

Felix Aubry de la Noe, a journalist specializing in maritime affairs also said he doubted the baron's claims. He said De Rosnay should appear before a panel of experts to fully explain his claimed exploit.

Iran mulls committee on captives

TEHRAN, Sept. 14 (AFP) — The foreign affairs committee of the Iranian parliament Sunday proposed a special committee to study the American hostage problem. The parliamentary speaker, Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani, said the house would discuss the proposal on Tuesday.

Fifty-two American hostages are now held in Iran, following the seizure by militants last Nov. 4 of Tehran's United States Embassy.

Parliament itself again failed to agree on its reply Sunday to a message from U.S. congressmen, asking for priority consideration to the hostages question. After a two-hour debate the draft of the reply was sent back to the foreign affairs committee.

The final draft will be sent to Washington without another vote by parliament, once the text has been completed in the light of the debate. The Sunday debate was less concerned with the actual fate of the hostages than with a passage in the reply that stated that "the United States overthrew the legal and nationalistic government of Mr. (Sadeq) Mossadegh (in 1953)."

Several speakers objected to the passage, Hassan Ayat for the Islamic Republic Party commenting that if the Mossadegh government was recognized as legal, this meant that "we accept Israel, we accept the attacks on religion, and we go against the policy of the Imam (Ayatollah Khomeini)."

Meanwhile, Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr sent a special envoy to London Sunday to protest the treatment by British courts of a number of Iranian demonstrators arrested in London recently, the official Iranian Pars news agency said.

Musavi Garmarudi, the president's cultural and press advisor, intends to lodge a protest "against the verdicts of the British courts against the Iranian student members of the Islamic Association who are to be deported (from Britain)," Pars said.

Garmarudi will also "demand that the courts observe the humane principles that are accepted by everyone, but which were ignored by the (British) courts trying the students," Pars said.

Iranians require visas to enter Britain. A British spokesman said he could not comment on whether Bani-Sadr's envoy would be admitted if he arrived without a visa. Britain last week deported in batches the first 12 of a total of 44 Iranians sentenced to jail terms and recommended by courts for deportation following an anti-American demonstration Aug. 4. The remainder are expected to be deported this month as the three-week time limits for appeal expire.

Britain closed its embassy in Tehran last Tuesday, when the first Iranians were deported, and withdrew all but one of its diplomats, fearing they would be taken hostage in revenge.

Mugabe aide's talk irks nurses

SALISBURY, Sept. 14 (AFP) — White nurses at a formerly whites-only public hospital in Salisbury have threatened to resign en masse after Zimbabwe Health Minister Herbert Ushewokunze accused them to their faces of neglecting black patients.

The head matron at the Andrew Fleming Hospital, Frances Healey, sent out notices of an emergency staff meeting Monday "to discuss the present situation".

Meanwhile, the national Sunday newspaper, *The Sunday Mail*, called Sunday in an editorial by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe to "put a curb" on Ushewokunze's "alarming activities".

The paper said the minister had, "in a series of stage-managed tours of hospitals ... reduced staff tears, publicly criticized people who are in no position to defend themselves and subsequently gone a long way to undermining the whole medical infrastructure in the country."

On Friday, Ushewokunze told 400 staff members at Andrew Fleming that white nurses were refusing to wash black patients, that black and white nurses had assumed patients and that whites were given preference in promotions.

A white male nurse rejected the minister's claims at the meeting and the minister ordered him fired on the spot. Ushewokunze said later that he believed the man had been innocent.

A white student nurse said Saturday, "The minister has accused us of neglect of black patients and worse. None of these allegations are true. Treated this shabbily, some nurses feel there is no point in staying in the service."

But a black student nurse said some sleeping or unconscious patients had been managed by nurses.

The Sunday Mail touched on broader implications of the hospital debate, saying that Ushewokunze's activities were threatening Mugabe's policy of racial reconciliation after the seven-year war waged by black guerrillas against the old white-minority regime.

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PACKAGED : U.S. paratroopers, outfitted from head to toe in anti-chemical gear, sit in a transport plane they will jump from in NATO exercises in Germany. NATO chemical armaments are said to be outdated, and the Pentagon has asked for millions of dollars to restore the West's arsenal.

Russian arsenal grows

U.S. may add to 'poison gas' stock

FORT BRAGG, North Carolina, Sept. 14 (LAT) — They jump out of airplanes with a "no sweat" equanimity, but the paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division dread their annual chemical training. Bundled up in bulky rubberized suits which bold the heat like portable saunas and wearing gas masks which obstruct vision and restrict breathing, the soldiers get a nasty preview of what could be the battlefield of the future.

Troops who have trained with the cumbersome equipment say there is no way a soldier could be as effective a fighter with it on as with it off. Yet modern war chemicals — liquids that can kill by touching the skin, as well as gases — are so lethal that even the possibility that they might be used would force the wearing of protective gear.

Amy planners worry that the Russians could degrade U.S. fighting capacity simply by threatening to use gas without having to risk the international condemnation that probably would accompany its actual use.

It is no secret that the Soviet Union has a wide lead in chemical warfare capacity. The United States has not manufactured any chemical munitions since 1969, when then-President Richard Nixon decided they were too horrible to use.

In the last decade, the Russians have conducted a vigorous chemical warfare program. U.S. intelligence reports say that perhaps as much as one-third of all the artillery shells, rocket warheads and bombs in Soviet stockpiles in Eastern Europe contain lethal chemicals.

Although a variety of poisonous chemicals could be used in warfare, there are two main types, both of which attack the nervous system and produce heavy sweating, hazy vision, uncontrollable vomiting and defecation, combat.

Experts in chemical warfare say that 15 years is about the maximum "shelf life" of lethal gases.

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Gunman drops clue

VEAUVAS, France, Sept. 14 (AFP) — A would-be gunman was so scared when he tried to rob the post office at the village of Feuquiers, north of here, that he dropped his identity card.

Still holding his pistol, the man escaped in a car. A passer-by, alerted by yells from a postal employee, jumped in his own car and gave chase for some 20 km police said.

They refused to identify the unlucky gunman for the moment.

NEW LIFE : A helicopter carrying a seeding device scatters seed and fertilizer over devastated land near Mount St. Helens in Washington state. Reseeding of over 20,000 acres is now underway in hopes of restoring vegetation after volcanic eruptions earlier this year.

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